

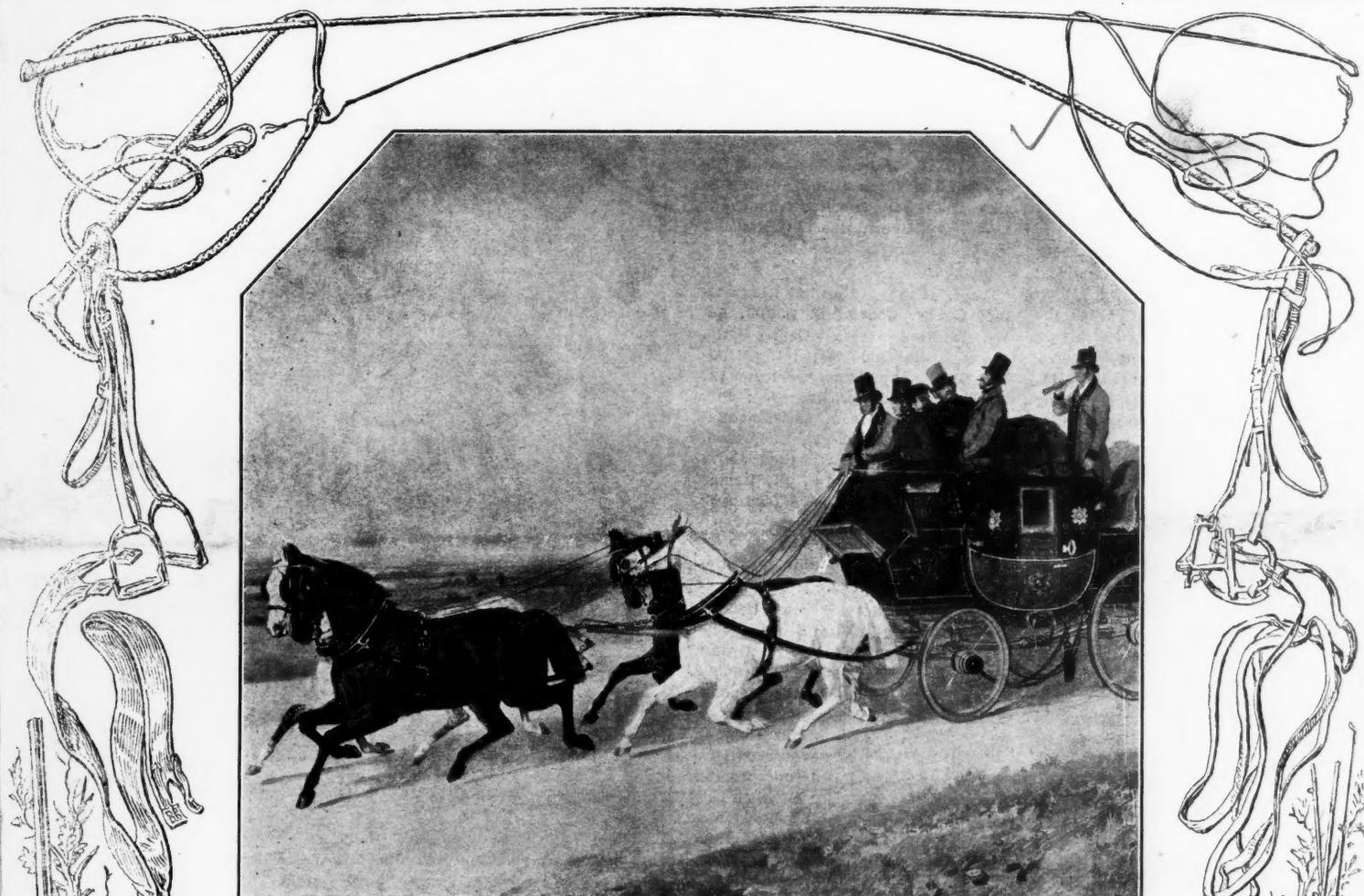
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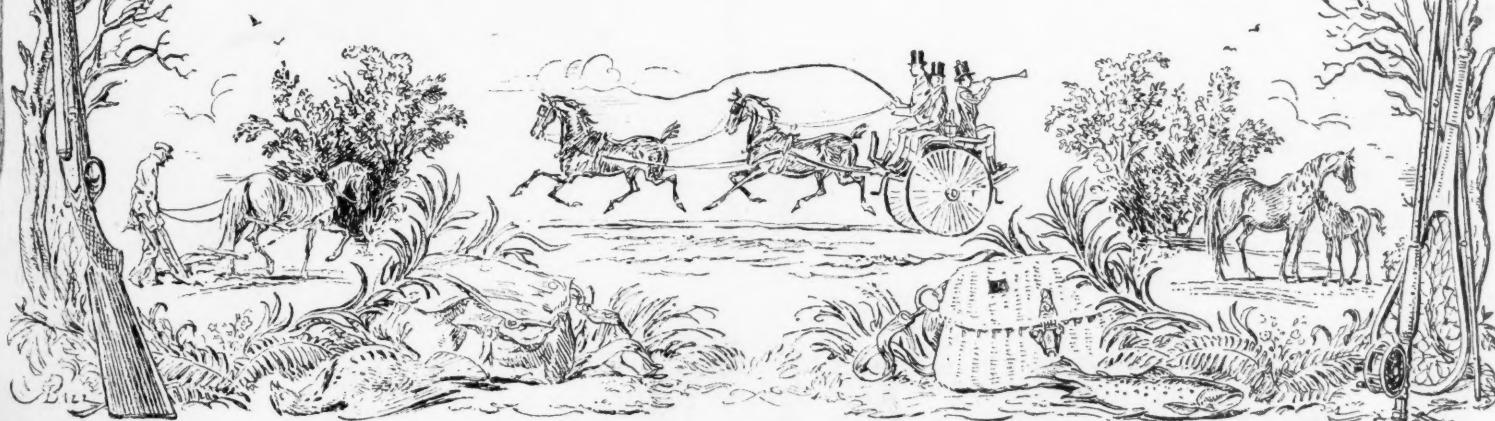
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# Horse Shows

## Stoneybrook Stables Top Winner Of Ribbons At Southern Pines

By Howard Burns

Hunters from Stoneybrook Stables owned by Mickey Walsh of Southern Pines, North Carolina, Sunday captured top events in the Christmas Equestrian Gymkhana and hunter trials, held at the horse show grounds at the Southern Pines Country Club, before a large crowd of spectators that surrounded the course.

Stallstown, a trim black gelding, with Walsh up, led a string of seventeen jumpers to capture 1st place in the class for open hunters. The Walsh team of three horses flashed around the tricky hunter course of panel fences and rail jumps to win 1st place over five teams.

Pots Luck, a 3-year-old pony, with young Mickey Walsh, Jr., up and Chance, a 3-year-old gelding, ridden by Hannah Walsh, was awarded the blue ribbon over sixteen entries in the class for pair jumpers.

Little River, a dark brown gelding, owned and brilliantly ridden by Mrs. W. O. Moss of Southern Pines was winner of 2nd place in the class for open hunters. Roberta Frye of Washington, riding Clifton Ferry, was judged 3rd in the class. Howard Hobson captain of the hunt team from Tate's Stables, Pinehurst, was awarded the red ribbon in the class for hunt teams. Mrs. W. O. Moss, captain of the Mile-Away team was 3rd.

The feature event on the afternoon card was won by Prince, a brown gelding entered by the Mile-Away Stables of Southern Pines and brilliantly ridden by Boylston A. Tompkins, Jr., of New York, who cleared the jumps at better than 5'-0" to win the knock-down-and-out class over sixteen jumpers. Mickey Walsh riding Little Gold, ran a close 2nd. Stallstown, entered by the Stoneybrook Stables, with Walsh was 3rd.

Frances Pierson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Pierson of Southern Pines, was winner of 1st place over twenty entries in the class for children's horsemanship. Roberta Frye, student at Notre Dame Academy, was 2nd. Celia Walsh of Southern Pines was 3rd.

The show was concluded with an exhibition of five gaited horses ridden by James and Harold Collins of Southern Pines.

The judges for the hunt classes were: B. A. Tompkins, and Joseph W. Dixon of New York. William McCullough of Middleburg, Va. judged the jumping classes. Lt. Agnes D. Donovan of Evanston, Illinois presented the ribbons.

## Dachau Becomes Show Ring For Invitation Event Of 47th Inf. Reg.

By Lt. Karl H. Rose

None who hear the name of Dachau, Germany mentioned can associate it with anything other than horror and tyranny. However such thoughts were dispelled from the minds of the many spectators at the Invitation Horse Show of the 47th Infantry Regiment held in Dachau on Sunday afternoon, 7 October 1945. After two postponements this day broke clear and the sun shone brightly throughout the four-hour performance.

Col. P. O. Ward, Commanding Officer of the 47th, spared nothing to make the event perfection from every angle. Col. Ward was ably assisted by the following members of his command:

Capt. John E. Whiting, Ringmaster; 1st Lt. Charles D. Daniel, Assistant Ringmaster; Capt. Otha Payne, Paddockmaster; 1st Lt. Albert O. Belknap, Announcer; 2nd Lt. David E. Gillespie, Recorder; Pfc. Ralph H. Whitehead, Assistant Recorder; Pfc. Robert Thompson, Bugler. In addition to the above mentioned persons, 1st Lt. Baxter A. Baltz of the Sixth Tank Destroyer Group is entitled to special praise for his efforts and success in preparing the ring and aiding in the over all preparations.

Ribbons in all events were tied by Col. Garnett H. Wilson, who commanded the 115th Cavalry Group until its redeployment and is now Commandant of the Weihenstephan Agricultural and Technical School of the XX U. S. Army Corps. Colonel Wilson has been a Cavalry Officer for 28 years and it was no surprise that his every decision met with the complete accord of both contestants and spectators. He was assisted in his judging by Lt. Col. L. W. Cather, Commanding Officer of the 60th Field Artillery Bn. and the writer, 3d Cavalry Group (Mech).

Outstanding in the day's showing were the performances of both the riders and mounts of the 2d and 42d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadrons of the 2d Cavalry Group (Mech). This aggregation came down from their present location in Czechoslovakia with ten head of hard-to-beat performance horses. And they took home with them the lion's share of the spoils—4 blues, 3 reds and the same number of 3rd and 4th places out of the four classes in which they had entries. However, it was not without a fight for there was much strong competition offered in the well-filled classes. Sixty

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## The Sporting Calendar

### Racing

#### OCTOBER

12-June 2—Hippodrome de las Americas, Mexico City, Mexico. Racing Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays.

#### NOVEMBER

22-March 5—Fair Grounds Breeders & Racing Association, New Orleans, La. 75 days. Mondays dark.

#### STAKES

SHREVEPORT 'CAP, 6 f., 3 & up, Sat., Jan. 12 \$5,000 Added BELLE GROVE 'CAP, 6 f., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., Feb. 2 \$5,000 Added PRIORESS 'CAP, 1 mi. & 70 yds., 3 & up, fillies & mares, Sat., Feb. 9 \$5,000 Added LECOMPTE 'CAP, 1 mi. & 70 yds., 3 & up, Sat., Feb. 16 \$5,000 Added NEW ORLEANS 'CAP, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Feb. 23 \$25,000 Added LOUISIANA DERBY, 1 1/2 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., March 2 \$15,000 Added

DECEMBER

1-Jan. 16—Gulfstream Park Racing Assn., Hallandale, Fla. 40 days.

29-Mar. 16—Los Angeles Turf Club, Inc., Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, Calif. 77 days.

SANTA SUSANA STAKES, 6 f., 3-yr.-old fillies, Sat., Jan. 5 \$25,000 Added

SAN PASQUAL 'CAP, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Jan. 12 \$50,000 Added

SAN FILIPE STAKES, 6 f., 3-yr.-olds, colts & geldings, Sat., Jan. 19 \$25,000 Added

SANTA MARIA STAKES, 1 mi., 3-yr.-old fillies, Sat., Jan. 26 \$25,000 Added

SANTA CATALINA 'CAP, 1 1-16 mi., Calif.-bred, 3 & up, Sat., Feb. 2 \$50,000 Added

SAN VINCENTE 'CAP, 1 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., Feb. 9 \$25,000 Added

SANTA BARBARA STAKES, 7 f., 3 & up, fillies & mares, Tues., Feb. 12 \$25,000 Added

SAN ANTONIO 'CAP, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Mar. 9 \$100,000 Added

SAN GABRIEL 'CAP, 6 f., 3 & up, Fri., Feb. 22 \$25,000 Added

SANTA ANITA DERBY, 1 1/2 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., Feb. 23 \$100,000 Added

SANTA MARGARITA 'CAP, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, fillies & mares, Sat., Mar. 2 \$50,000 Added

SANTA ANITA 'CAP, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Mar. 9 \$100,000 Added

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO 'CAP, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Mar. 16 \$50,000 Added

JANUARY

17-March 4—The Miami Jockey Club, Inc., Hialeah Park, Hialeah, Fla. 40 days.

STAKES

INAUGURAL 'CAP, 6 f., 3 & up, Thurs., Jan. 17 \$10,000 Added

HIBISCUS, 6 f., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., Jan. 19 \$10,000 Added

ROYAL PALM 'CAP, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, Wed., Jan. 23 \$10,000 Added

PALM BEACH 'CAP, 7 f., 3 & up, Sat., Jan. 26 \$10,000 Added

BAHAMAS 'CAP, 7 f., 3-yr.-olds, Wed., Jan. 30 \$10,000 Added

COLUMBIANA 'CAP, 7 f., 3 & up, fillies & mares, Sat., Feb. 2 \$10,000 Added

BOUGAINVILLEA 'CAP, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Wed., Feb. 6 \$10,000 Added

BLACK HELEN 'CAP, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, fillies & mares, Sat., Feb. 9 \$20,000 Added

EVERGLADES 'CAP, 1 1/2 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Wed., Feb. 13 \$10,000 Added

MCLENNAN 'CAP, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Feb. 16 \$25,000 Added

SEMINOLE 'CAP, 7 f., 3 & up, Wed., Feb. 20 \$10,000 Added

FLAMINGO, 1 1/2 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., Feb. 23 \$30,000 Added

MIAMI BEACH 'CAP, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Wed., February 27 \$50,000 Added

HIALEAH JUVENILE, 3 f., 2-yr.-olds, Mon., March 4 \$10,000 Added

MARCH

5-April 19—Gables Racing Association, Inc., Coral Gables, Fla. 40 days.

### Horse Shows

#### JANUARY

5-New Year Indoor Horse Show, Darien, Conn.

5-6-C Ridge Hunt Club Indoor Show.

6-Schooling Show, Cavalry Riding Academy, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

20-Schooling Show, Cavalry Riding Academy, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

#### FEBRUARY

3-Schooling Show, Cavalry Riding Academy, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

17-Schooling Show, Cavalry Riding Academy, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

#### MARCH

3-Schooling Show, Cavalry Riding Academy, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

17-Schooling Show, Cavalry Riding Academy, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

31-Schooling Show, Cavalry Riding Academy, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

#### APRIL

7-Schooling Show, Cavalry Riding Academy, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

16-17-Troy Riding and Hunt Club Horse and Hound Show, Troy, N. C.

### Hunter Trials

#### JANUARY

7-11-Field Trials, Pinehurst, North Carolina.

20-Barbara Worth Stables Hunter Trials, Sacramento, Calif.

#### MARCH

3-Atlanta Hunt Club Trials, North Fulton Stables, Atlanta, Ga.

17-Barbara Worth Stables Hunter Trials, Sacramento, Calif.

#### MAY

19-Finals of series of four Barbara Worth Stables Hunter Trials, Sacramento, Calif.

### Point-to-Points

#### APRIL

20-44th Grand National Point-to-Point and 4th Fox Hunters Challenge Cup, Western Run Valley, Butler, Md.

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## THE AMERICAN DERBY

This song has been handed down for some time and it came to us from "Chip" Heatherington, who breaks the yearlings at North Wales, and who delights his friends by singing it.

*I went out to Washington Park on a Saturday afternoon—  
In 1893, on the twenty-third of June.  
Fifty thousand people there, from far and near they came;  
People of all nations and many of wealth and fame.  
There was wealth and beauty there from every distant land  
Chicago belles, handsome swells in Club house and in stand,  
In around the betting rings were folks of every class.  
The center-field looked brilliant with its burnished steel and brass.  
All along the race track fence there could be seen,  
Those stable boys, owners, grooms and trainers  
While all race track employees anxiously awaiting to see  
The jockeys dressed so gay  
To weigh in at a race course for to ride on Derby Day.*

*Hark onto the sound—this from the saddling bell,  
Long the people waited to hear its welcome knell.  
And to hear the brazing bugle blending forth its call  
To see the jockeys mounted, just fifteen of them in all.  
Garrison on Boundless, a noble horse indeed;  
Tarl on St. Leonards, an eastern stable steed.  
Martin mounted Clifford, Miller on Aldebaran,  
Dodgett rode G. W. Johnson, the horse that also ran.  
Kunze riding Lookout, he wore the blue and golden star;  
Ray was riding Plutus and Regan on Ingomar.  
Lamley on Don Alonzo, Thorpe on Ramapo,  
Penny on Oporto and Covington on Tyro.  
While the English jockey, Mansur, on Strathrose finished last,  
The British lad had no chance because he was outclassed.*

*Long the people waited to see them break away  
The starter had much trouble to make those jocks obey.  
He coaxed them and abused them with his language harsh and kind  
At last he sent them all away with the English horse behind.  
Along they came like thunder rolling through a cloud  
Every jock was striving to keep up in the crowd.  
Boundless running easy, his jockey pulling strong  
Lookout and St. Leonards were rating right along;  
Then Garrison, the hero, touched Boundless with his steels  
And gamely he responded and showed the rest his heels.*

*2:36 was his time; by 8 lengths he won the race  
St. Leonards and Clifford, he beat both driving for the place.  
When the race was over, should have heard the people shout  
When they saw the judge hang Garrison's number out.  
And when the jock dismounted, he was lifted from the ground;  
Receiving invitations from many throats around.  
While the owner, Mr. Cushing, was called into the stand  
And a check for 50,000 was placed into his hand.  
When the race was over, you should read the paper talk  
Stating that St. Leonards should have won it in a walk.  
But Cushing knew a thing or two and the jockey boy was slick  
St. Leonards was defeated and how those eastern sports did kick.  
Still they should be satisfied with that sweet second place  
For it takes a western candidate for a fifty thousand dollar race.  
Such a horse as Boundless is worth his weight in gold  
In Cushing's inside pocket, he placed his fifty thousand cold,  
While the trainer, Bill McDaniels, can proudly boast and brag  
He trained the grandest Derby horse that ever passed the flag.*

## Dachau Show

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head of real horseflesh were entered in the five events carded.

The impression of the day as far as your reporter is concerned was the flawless horsemanship and resultant performances of the mounts of Lt. John F. Gilmartin of the 42nd Squadron. He was consistently a threat with his internationally famous mounts—Ace High, a 5-year-old chestnut gelding with lots of size, quality and substance—Black Magic, a 6-year-old gelding—and Draufganger, a raw-boned brown gelding. Each one of these individuals would be able to leap with the best of them back in the U. S. A.

Time and space preclude a detailed recounting of the many other exceptional animals exhibited but mention must be made of Cherusker, a 17-hand, brown gelding capably topping the timber under the guidance of Col. Westmoreland of the 60th Infantry (what a leaper that one is!) and the two entries of the Bavarian AMG, Dachau.

First event on the program was the seat and hands class which well-

filled the Arena with its 32 competitors. The judges gave the contestants a good work out and careful scrutiny before awarding the "blue" to Lt. Gilmartin, mounted on Ace High.

Next on the card was the event for green jumpers—with fifteen capable hopefuls. (The Cavalry rested during this class.) The course was twice around the ring over four fences approximately 3'-0", a brush, natural rails, straight fence and stonewall. The first efforts resulted in four faultless performances. The rails and stonewall were raised to 3'-6" for the jump off with the first place going to Tricana, the entry of the 3d Bn. 47th Infantry, rider unknown.

The third class was the triple bar—twice around over two obstacles which at the start were 4'-0" high with a six-foot spread. Thirty-one entries made this class a real thriller for the spectators. The jumps had to be spread twice before a winner could be named in this event. After each of the 32 entries had negotiated the course there were six clean performances—Cherusker, Saddler, Rebel (from

the 42d Cav. Sq.—rider unknown—and a consistent threat in every class), Black Magic, Ace High and Ten-in-One (a compact, little dark chestnut which was personality personified and full of spring and jump, entered by 2d Cav. Sq.). The obstacles were spread a foot for these six champions, with Rebel, Ace High and Ten-in-One again not touching a toe to the timber. Saddler cinched 4th place on this jump off with 1 front tip scored against him (Black Magic and Cherusker with a score of two against each were out of the money). The spread was increased once more with Ace High annexing the coveted blue with but one fault. It took the flip of a coin to finally place Ten-In-One 2nd and Rebel 3rd.

By the time the fault and out was ready to be called the interest of the spectators was at a high pitch. This event interested 22 entries. It was, however, somewhat of a disappointing class. For some reason the sponsors set up this class with brush for the first obstacle and many of the mounts impudently turned

up their noses upon seeing this fence and as a result saw no more of the ring until the next class was called. Dark Cloud and Ten-In-One had to jump off for the blue in this one with the 1st award going to Dark Cloud. Seven horses were tied for 3rd and 4th place and performed well on the jump off.

The final event of the day had 26 horses striving for the top place in the jumper stake. The course for this one was once over five fences from 4'-0" to 4'-6". After negotiating the brush, natural rails, straight fence and stonewall the course cut sharply back and over the final fence—a triple bar. The performers in this event were consistently fine—so much so that Black Magic with 2 1-2 faults scored against him was out of the jump-off for 4th place. Saddler and Page (a bay gelding that knows how to do it the easy way) jumped off for the honors with Saddler being tied champion. Soldat, Lady and Draufganger jumped off for 3rd and 4th places with Draufganger turning in a faultless performance.

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GREAT WAR by MAN O'WAR—GREAT BELLE, by \*STEFAN THE GREAT.

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Those seeking a hunter sire will like this grey son of Bonne Nuit, Night Lark, sired by a great hunter sire, out of a show winning hunter mare by a hunter and conformation stallion, himself the sire of the champion yearling at Devon, 1944. He recently won the Model Stallion, any breed at the Riviera Country Club Show in California.

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# Hunting



## Elkridge-Harfard Hunt

Monkton, Maryland

Established 1934

Recognized 1934

Master: Edward S. Voss.  
Hounds: Cross-bred.  
Hunting: Fox.  
Colors: Scarlet, white collar.

Saturday, December 15th being one of those treacherous days with an inch or so of snow on top of frozen ground, the meet was changed from Mr. Howard Price's Farm to the club so as to avoid the long hack on icy roads. About eighteen of the "Hearties" made up the field, all of whom had the general idea that there was not apt to be much doing but if there were they wanted to be in on it.

Hounds were put into the Club Woods first. There was some indication of a fox being about but scent was too old for them to make much of it. Next Mr. Ladew's coverts were tried and so on through Messrs. Ward, Hughes and Fisher. The Ebenezer woods was also drawn blank. Here the thought of the warm club house and tea lured some half dozen or so of the field away from us. It was a bad move on their part for as soon as hounds were put into the Robinson Woods a fox was got up. He made two loops around his home grounds, crossing the Hess and Reid farms, then apparently getting his compass reading, he set off in a easterly direction, crossing through the Power Line and Rutledge Woods, on across Hamilton Amos to the Choate farm then lefthanded following Winters Run until he went to ground just north of Spalding's Mill. It was a seven and one half mile point with hounds making only one check. As the last couple of miles carried us through some of our most distant country it was quite gratifying to find most of the old panels still in good order.

All but three couple of the pack were at the earth, so it being quite dark by this time, the Staff and the three remaining members of the field started the long hack home. That glorious feeling of satisfaction one has after a good day with hounds soon made us forget how very cold we had been on our eight and one half mile hack back to the kennels in the moonlight. It was a perfect day, marred only by the accident which befell our master, who had the misfortune to break his ankle when his foot caught on a tree while going through the Power Line cover.

Among those out were: Jane Bassett, Libs Ober, Marie Ole Baurenschmidt, Betty Bosley, Elizabeth Dow, Gracie and David McIntosh, Achsah and Hugh O'Donovan, Louise and Dean Bedford, Polly and Bobby Riggs, Jamie Park, Bill Brainard, Mike Smithwick, DeCourcy Wright and Ned Voss.—M. S. R.

## Beaufort Hunt

Harrisburg, Penna.

Established 1929

Recognized 1934

Master: Ehrman B. Mitchell.  
Hounds: American and Cross-bred.  
Hunting: Fox and drag.  
Colors: Blue, buff trimmings.

Saturday, December 15th, the Beaufort Hunt met at the Kennels at 2:45. Because the day was so bitterly cold and several inches of snow lay on the ground, only 6 people arrived. Besides the Honorary Huntsman, Otis R. Dodson, there were B. Happy, Farley Gormett, Mrs. McCormick, Mrs. Price, Clyde Smith and Mrs. Charles Troup, Jr.

Hounds found north of the kennels and moved west in full cry. Upon reaching the road leading by the Mitchells' swimming pool, hounds turned left and headed south. They crossed over several large fields of the Mitchells' and checked in an orchard just east of the Pruitt Farm. They found again shortly and headed west, crossing the Lingles-town Road and arriving at Paul Gables. Here they turned south and worked through another orchard and came to Hillcrest Farm. The scent circled Hillcrest, crossed over Col. Dan Mollon's and past Ross Rhodes'. Hounds checked east of there and picked up the scent about a quarter of a mile beyond. Heading east this time, they worked on past a former riding academy, Woodland Park, and came to the kill behind the old Garman school house. Hounds were out one hour and fifteen minutes. So concluded a very enjoyable hunt.

Our M. F. H. Ehrman B. Mitchell, though he is unable to ride at the present time is not to be left out. He followed the hunt in a very snappy red sleigh and we were all delighted to see him out. He enjoyed his drive and watching hounds work, but he was a bit worried, fearing his gray might decide to follow over the fences. He didn't, and all went well.

Following the hunt, the Beaufort Hunt gave a large dinner at the Sportsman's Club. About 100 members and guests attended and it was a very delightful party, highlighted by several short and witty speeches and the singing of such songs as John Peel and Drink Puppy Drink.—C. M. T.

## STONEYBROOK STABLES

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## Pickering Hunt

Williams Corner, Pa.

Established 1911

Recognized 1911

Master: William J. Clothier.  
Hounds: American.  
Hunting: Fox.  
Colors: Scarlet or Oxford gray.

Hounds met at the home of the Mr. Justice and Mrs. Owen J. Roberts near Birchrunville on Saturday, December 8th. It was an ideal meeting place. The former Supreme Court Justice's house—a large stone and clapboard farmhouse in the best Pennsylvania tradition—is situated on a height commanding a magnificent prospect, to the south and east, of the rolling hills and sweeping valley and the coverts that comprise the best of the western half of the Pickering country.

It was a day of exceptional mildness for the season, and the sun shone brightly upon pink coats as the Field assembled in the pasture before the house at 9:00 A. M. Among those present were: The Master, Mrs. Betner, Mrs. Yarnall, and the Messrs. Betner, Large, McCreery, E. B. Morris, Sam Morris and Mull. It was Captain Large's first appearance in the hunting field in more than three years.

The first several coverts south of the Roberts' were drawn blank. Then a gray was roused in Mosteller's Swamp and harried through its heavy thickets accompanied by thunderous music but little action. This fox was holed after a short run on the northern slope of Spring Hill. Then on the farther side of this covert a fine red fox was viewed and hounds at once laid on. As Reynard left the covert, heading south, he turned back across the big fields and open pastures of the Kimberton Farms. Hounds set the pace at a full gallop until they were brought momentarily to their noses at the dirt road bordering the farms on the north. But it was only a matter of a minute or two before they again picked up the scent in the waste field across the road and were streaming north again, skirting Justice Roberts' home farm to the east. At the hard road they then turned abruptly west and set a course for Powder Mill Hill. At this point just thirty minutes from the opening salute to Sir Charles in Spring Hill things began to happen: Sam Morris lost a battle with a tree and was eventually conveyed homeward by motor, suffering from a badly dislocated shoulder; a gray fox crossed the good red's line and diverted hounds in the thicket at the foot of Powder Mill Hill; and a small herd of deer which emerged from the hillside with the evident intention of participating in the sport was quite pro-

perly disdained by the clamoring pack. Although it was almost certain that the red fox would persist upon the "milk-route"—so-called because of a stirring episode in the hunting career of Pickering's own Mr. Jorocks, Mr. Sam McCreery, which occurred at a refreshment emporium in nearby Birchrunville—to Sheeder Hill, these untoward occurrences had caused considerable delay and it was deemed prudent to abandon the vicinity to its lesser quarry. Hounds were whipped off and the huntsman, Eddie Mooney, jogged off with hounds to Parker Hill, drawing by way of Shaws' and Bunker Hill.

Here in the lee of Parker, in the Porter's thickets, another good red fox was found and pursued for more than three hours through the extreme Western reaches of the Pickering Country. The first high notes of this second run were dimly heard by the Field as it jogged around Spring Hill on the return hack to breakfast.

At breakfast Mrs. Roberts ladled soup brewed to an exceptional savor from home-raised beef and mutton from a cauldron suspended over a fire in the living-room, whilst the famed jurist himself dispensed refreshments from the bar. And there was no need of top-coats as guests wandered, cup or glass in hand, from the sun-drenched living-room to the broad terrace to admire a glorious view of Chester County bathed in the sunshine of early winter's afternoon.

Those who came for breakfast in addition to the Field included: Mrs. Clothier, Mrs. Fraley, Mrs. Large, Mrs. McCreery, Mrs. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Fairman, Mr. and Mrs. Horace B. Hare, formerly Master for many years of the Radnor Hunt, and Mrs. Cassatt Davis accompanied by two young officers of the French Forces.

—J. M.

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## Hunting With The Brandywine

By Gilbert Mather, M. F. H.

The third of Mr. Mather's articles on The Brandywine

**From 1940 to November 1945**

"Oh! how that beautiful word, Fox, gladdens my 'eart, and warms the declinin' embers of my age. The 'oss and the 'ound were made for each other, and nature threw in the Fox as a connectin' link between the two."

John Jorrocks—Handley Cross.

Thumbing through the pages of my hunting diary, I am tempted to quote accounts of outstanding runs which I live again in the reading of them. Realizing, however, that such accounts can be of limited interest to a reader unfamiliar with our hunting country, I shall confine myself to noting such unusual incidents or comments on the sport as may perhaps be of interest to foxhunting readers.

For example, this comment after the description of the Washington's Birthday hunt of February 22nd, 1940:—"Found at 10:30 A. M., marked to earth at 12:30 P. M., a good run of just two hours. George Washington would have enjoyed this day with hounds, running over the very same country on which he fought in 1777."

We started the season of 1940-41 with thirty-two and one-half couples of hounds, including a young entry of seven couples.

"Sportsman" '29, a hound we will never forget, died in kennels on October 23rd, 1940.

**Saturday, November 30th, 1940—**

A two-star day. Found five foxes. The first fox found was marked to earth after a short run. We could do little with the second and third foxes in the southerly wind. The fourth fox was viewed by my daughter Mary at 1:15. She saw him about one-half mile away just before he disappeared over the crest of a great hilltop west of Busby's Farm. Pack was put on line, and, the wind having swung to the northwest, scent was now excellent. The Pack ran with drive and marked their fox to earth in Baker's Woods at 2:15 after having swam the Brandywine below Northbrook Bridge.

A fifth fox found in Batten's Woods gave us a circling run until 3:15, when, a check occurring, we called off. All seventeen couples were up at the finish except "Gaylass" who was already back in kennels when we returned at 4:30.

I hunted the hounds on "Piedmont"; Mrs. Mather Fieldmaster, and a good field, not all of whom stayed out for the good run after the fourth fox. "The pack—all old hounds—did excellently, were well packed together throughout the good run, and all swam the Brandywine at the same time, giving tongue as they swam. Hard to say that any particular hound excelled, but "Dashwood" was there with his deep voice in many difficult spots. "Doughboy" showed great drive.

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one point in this run, an enthusiastic farmer on a wagon, having viewed the fox, cheered the hounds on to the line with loud shouts and waves of his hat!

The Season of 1940-41 closed after a total of eighty-eight hunting days including cubbing. Hounds found one hundred twenty-nine foxes and accounted for thirty-seven. We had fifteen one-star and five two-star

days. I hunted the Hounds fifty-seven times and Jimmie McNair hunted them thirty-one times.

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**Thoroughbreds**

By Salvator

**Death Of Mrs. Ethel V. Mars  
Removes An Interesting  
Feminine Figure From Turf**

The death of Mrs. Ethel V. Mars, just as the year was nearing its end, has removed one of the most interesting feminine figures that have been identified with the American turf in recent times—or, indeed, that ever have been.

The widow of a Chicago confectioner who had made a fortune in the manufacture of a certain brand of sweets, she decided, upon his death, to continue the venture he had inaugurated, in a rather tentative way, in the racing and breeding of the Thoroughbred.

Up to that date little had been heard or seen of either of them, in racing affairs, outside the small circle with which they had been identified. But in an astonishingly short time, comparatively speaking, Mrs. Mars had become a national celebrity and her stable the most successful upon the turf.

In 1936 the horses carrying her colors, "orange, white star front and back, white sleeves, chocolate and white cap," by earning \$206,450 placed her at the head of the winning owners. The following season she narrowly escaped scoring the same high honor, being so to speak "nosed out" of it by the margin of but about \$5,000.

Thereafter her fortunes began to experience that decline that seems almost inevitable in such cases, there having been but one check to it, when in 1940 her colt Gallahadion won the Kentucky Derby—this moreover having been a complete upset, as he was a long shot given little chance by the experts against the favorite Bimelech. The result was one of those surprises for which racing is famous but it brought her only fleeting glory, as Gallahadion never won another race of any account—nor, indeed, did any of her horses.

Mrs. Mars was not present at Churchill Downs to see the son of Sir Gallahad's astonishing triumph, which occasioned considerable remark. As a matter of fact she had already at that time begun to decline in health and no long while afterward began to dispose of all her thoroughbred holdings, including her racing stable, her stock farm in Tennessee, etc., etc. But not until a year ago did she formally retire.

At the time the announcement was made, the general idea that prevailed was that her retirement was due to the great reversal of success that had befallen her. The real one appears rather to have been her ill-health, which was to end in a long period of disability and then her decease.

Mrs. Mars' success upon the turf

was due largely to the policy she pursued in make-up and conduct, which was a personal one of her own. Her Milky Way Stable consisted almost wholly of colts and fillies, two and three years old, anything older than that being a rarity.

While, as stated, she had a stud-farm in Tennessee, it was not from its products that her stable was recruited. This was done by purchases of yearlings at the Saratoga sales, where for some seasons she was the leading buyer.

Twice in succession she was the heaviest buyer at these vendues and three years in succession she bought over \$100,000 worth of yearlings—which had not at that time soared to the top-lofty prices that are now the rule.

There is no greater lottery connected with racing than the buying of yearlings, neither blood-lines, looks nor price being any guarantee whatever of subsequent performance. With some of her costly purchases Mrs. Mars had good luck in winning valuable stakes—but with others the reverse was the case, and out of the last more-than-\$100,000 worth that she invested in, little but disappointment was harvested.

About that time Mrs. Mars also had what are known as training troubles. Her stable had risen to the top in charge of a trainer whose success went to his head, causing what are known as delusions of grandeur, also other unprofitable proclivities, and as these increased, while success decreased, strained relations between employer and employee resulted.

Eventually their relations were severed and they went their various ways. But under a new trainer, the Milky Way failed to renew its old effulgence, while never, since he left it, has its trainer in its shining days basked in the glory of the headlines.

Mrs. Mars was one of three ladies that have figured at the top of the list of winning owners during the past decade, up to the season of 1945, the other two having been Mrs. Charles S. Howard (1937) and Mrs. Payne Whitney (1942), while back in 1934 Mrs. Dodge Sloane had, for the first time in our turf history, scored that honor for the fair sex. Mrs. Whitney preceded Mrs. Mars into the great silence, while Mrs. Howard was the holder of a courtesy title, as the horses racing in her name, headed by the renowned Seabiscuit, were really owned by her husband.

Mrs. Sloane is, therefore, the only one of the quartet that will be active in 1946. Her luck has not been of the best since Cavalcade's prowess placed her at the top of the roster, but she has kept steadily on her way and should 1946 see her again triumphant her many friends will be happy.

Meanwhile in 1945 still another lady, Mrs. Elizabeth Graham, completely eclipsed all predecessors when her stable earned close to \$600,000 to place her far in the van. With

**Md. Racing Commission Suspends 7 Steeplechase Jockeys For Conspiracy**

Long the race of sportsmen, steeplechasing received a blow when the suspension of 7 steeplechase riders, a trainer and a jockey's agent was announced by the Maryland Racing Commission on December 22.

These men were suspended for violation of rules of the Maryland Racing Commission which deal with conspiracy. The violations were said to have occurred in a steeplechase run at Pimlico "on or about November 30 last". The hearing will be held before the commission on February 11, 1946.

Listed in the suspension were Jockeys D. Banks; H. Cruz; B. Haines; S. O'Neill; W. Owen, leading steeplechase jockey of 1945; F. Passmore and S. Riles. Trainer John Barry and jockey's agent James Byrne were included.

Steeplechasing has been a target for criticism from all fronts. From correspondents to the \$2,000 bettor, the sport has been hit. Compared to the large purses which the flat horses run for, steeplechasing offers nothing to match but it has offered the best of sport in its competition between the flags. Many words have been written about the great races on the flat but the chasers have come in for their share and the stamina, speed and heart of horses can certainly be proved over the various courses.

which, for the present, the triumphs of "the sex" most appropriately close.

**Breeding Notes****Gets New Owner**

W. M. Hoffman's Valdina Sun, by \*Sun Briar—\*Flo 2nd, by Alcantara 2nd, bred by the late Willis Sharpe Kilmer, won his 4th race of the season at the Fair Grounds on December 22 but left the 7th race with a new owner, F. P. Aime.

**Flick Busy**

Wayne Johnson, Maryland breeder and consignor to the yearling sales, bred Flick, a 7-year-old brown mare by \*Twink—\*Alicia W., by Salmon-Trout. The 1st race at the Fair Grounds on the 24th put the mare in the winner's circle and proving that the 1st race of the day is her choice, she was again on top on the 29th.

**High Priced Filly**

Attending yearling sales for the first time is really a treat and in 1944, one of the feature attractions was Nydrie Stud's chestnut filly by

*Continued on Page Twelve*

**Stake Summaries****Santa Anita**

7th running California Breeders' Champion Stakes, Sat. Dec. 29, 2-year-olds, 1 mi. Purse, \$25,000 added; net value to winner, \$20,165; 2nd, \$8,000; 3rd, \$3,000; 4th, \$1,500. Winner: B. f. by \*Beau Pere—Panoramic, by Chance Shot. Breeder: L. B. Mayer. Trainer: G. Philpot. Time: 1:28 4-5.

1. Honeymoon, (L. B. Mayer), 119, J. Longden.

2. Moneybags, (L. B. Mayer), 122, J. Adams.

3. Charivari, (L. B. Mayer), 122, W. Bailey.

Eight started; also ran (order of finish):

H. N. Isenberg's Going With Me, 119, M. Peterson; Luke & Sneed's Bar Willie, 122, C. Ralls; W-L Ranch's Reich's Agent, 122, H. Trent; Elobee Farm's Binnacle Bob, 122, R. Permane; Mrs. A. Hansbrough's War Spun, 122, L. Balaski. Won handily by 2; place driving by 6; show same by 2. Scratched: Ten Grand.

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\*ST. GERMANIS, sire of The Rhymers, was a high class stakes winner in England and has sired many leading stakes winners in America, including Twenty Grand, Bold Venture, St. Brideaux, Devil Diver, Corydon, Sparta, The Barb and others. RHYTHMIC, dam of The Rhymers, was a winner, placed in stakes and has also produced the stakes winner Sweep Swinger (Endurance Handicap, etc.).

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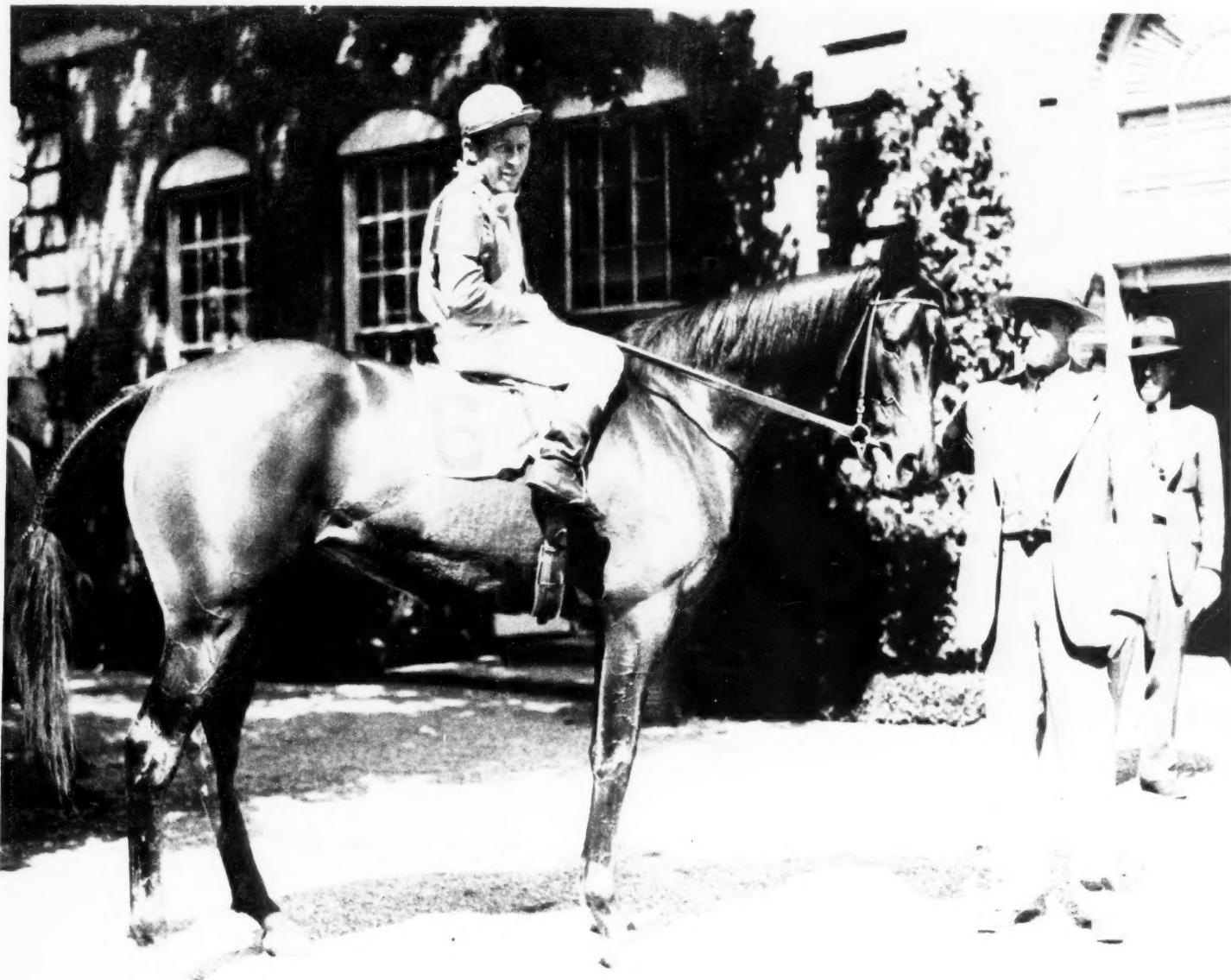
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## Prospects For \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap

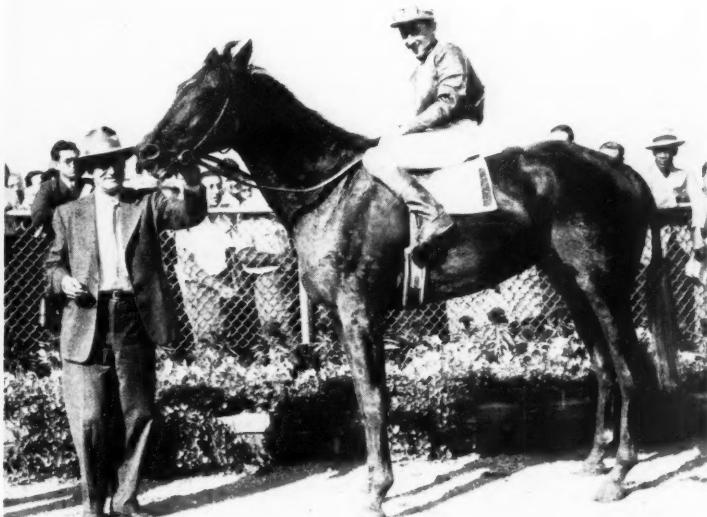
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One hundred and thirty-four thoroughbreds have been nominated for the 9th running of the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap on March 9. Among the 17 mares and fillies aspiring to be the first of their sex to win the event is Maine Chance Farm's War Date, winner of the Beldame, Modesty, Arlington Matron, Princess Doreen and Ladies. The above picture shows Jockey Adams up.



Calumet Farm's Pot O'Luck, winner of the Arlington Classic, Jockey Club Gold Cup, Gov. Bowie, Lawrence Realization, Ben Ali and 2nd in Kentucky Derby, will be the 5-year-old group. Pot O'Luck is shown with Jockey Dodson up.



An all-time high of 28 two-year-olds were nominated to try to duplicate Stagehand's feat in 1938 when Jockey N. Wall rode the 3-year-old to capture the event. In this list is another Maine Chance Farm entry, Knockdown. Jockey Dodson is up in this picture.

# Over the Pasture Fence



## WITH OUR CONTEMPORARY EDITORS

### Nothing Is More Thrilling To Foxhunters Than The Music Of Hounds In Full Cry; The Sport Is Built Around The Hounds, Not The Horses

An always welcome contributor to these columns is Holmes Alexander, who writes about horses and hounds with unfailing knowledge and charm. The following is from a recent issue of the Baltimore Evening Sun.

#### Holmes Alexander

Foxhunting, a sport George Washington enjoyed, is built around the hound—not the horse. Thus in rural districts many devotees hunt on foot and in automobiles, especially by night, following the progress of the chase by listening to the music of the hounds. The steed is, and should be considered, only a conveyance. Indeed, persons primarily interested in riding—polo players, steeplechasers and show riders—are apt to regard hunting as a waste of time. More than a few professional huntsmen are not only indifferent riders, but are notoriously timid about jumping timber, and rejoice in the fact that no field was ever fenced without a gate.

The real foxhunter is the man or woman who loves hound work. Everything else is pleasant but incidental. Few human beings in good health can fail to enjoy the beauties of nature offered by the chase. Blood will always kindle to swift gallops and stiff jumping. But the person who goes in for foxhunting per se will cock his ear to the whimper of hounds in covert and to the far-off halloo of the whipper-in rather than to the murmur of the breeze. He will peer his eye for a dot of red moving up some distant hillside, and not give a hoot about the rest of the landscape. For him the satisfaction that swells the bosom and the thrills that run on icy tiptoe up his spine come from the crashing music of hounds in full cry and with the sight of a well-bunched pack going over green meadows.

These are the inducements and the rewards of the oldest sport in the world. And what about the "inside" story? Knowledge regarding scent is largely folklore, coming down the generations by word of mouth. It is as sound a knowledge as the animal instincts which it concerns—the primal urge of carnivorous beasts to hunt, slay and devour their meat. Scientific experiment (as related by H. M. Budgett, in "Hunting by Scent") has done little more than confirm the findings of the old masters of huntsmanship.

Take, for instance, some ancient adages. For centuries, veterans of the chase have noted omens while

riding to the meet. Cobwebs in the underbrush, gossamer floating in the air, smoke rising straight from its source, hounds rolling in the grass—these are all bad. But if stones in the fields are wet, if you can count the thorns in a hedgerow, then you have portents of a good day's sport.

Why? Because moist, crisp, moving air is the best carrier of scent. The cobwebs, the gossamer, the straight-rising smoke indicate a lack of air motion. Rolling hounds indicate muggy weather in which animals cool off against the earth. Wet stones mean moisture and good visibility goes with crispness.

Or take the common observation that hounds run best over grass, next best over dust and worst of all over wet plowland.

Why? The scientific facts of scent explain phenomena which our ancestors accepted without curiosity. Hounds do not follow the direct body scent of the fox. They follow a trail of small particles which fall from Reynard's body and brush as he runs. When the fox travels over grass, he bruises it and leaves a spoonful of herb juices. Thus his route on turf is doubly marked. In dust the falling particles are suspended in the dry eddies, while in mud they are buried. The old saying that "scent fails with a failing fox" actually means that the longer the run, the fewer particles are left to be dropped.

Huntsmen will say that a hound which habitually starts rabbits is a bad foxhound. This is not entirely because he mistakes the scent. It is because, lacking courage, he has a Freudian preference for the meek, herb-eating bunny as against the combat-minded fox.

Crows, chickens and house dogs are all clues to the chase. Low-flying carrion birds are a good sign that a fox in distress is near at hand. The disturbance of fowl in a barnyard suggests that Reynard has passed that way. The presence of an alert farmer's dog makes a good bet that the trail did not take a straight line through the immediate territory.

But all this is merely indicative. There is no formula for a good run and no insurance against blank coverts. Uncertainty remains the essence of the sport. Patience and optimism are the watchwords. "Nothing is so queer as scent, except a woman," said Mr. Jorrocks. And, of course, this is how it should be.

### If Five Hundred Horses Had Been Used Against Tired and Beaten Enemy

By Major Philip K. Crowe

On a stormy morning of last May, a fleet of C-46s landed at Chihkiang air port in Southern Hunan. They were just in time. Forty miles East on the Tungkow Road the Jap spear head was inching toward Anchiang, the last defendable position before Chihkiang itself. The Chinese Fifty-seventh division was putting up a gallant resistance and fighters of the Sino American Composite Wing were making the road untenable during the days, but the odds looked bad. Furthermore if Chihkiang fell the whole allied air offensive in South East China would fall with it as the nearest base from which fighters could be flown was several hundred miles West, too far away to hamper seriously the Jap advance.

General Wedemeyer's answer to this threat was to commandeer virtually every transport plane in the China Theater and fly the entire Sixth Army to Chihkiang. Composed of two divisions, the twenty-second and the sixteenth, the army was China's best. It had been U. S. equipped and trained the previous year in India. In addition it had fought well on the Salween in Burma and had never been beaten, an almost unknown morale factor for a Chin ese army.

Word that the army was being flown in had come to us some day before and in company with General Chang of the local garrison, I went to the field to meet the advance contingent of the relieving force. Chihkiang is a tough air port. Situated in a bowl entirely surrounded by mountains rising to an average of six thousand feet, it takes a good pilot to land there when the weather isn't acting up and on this particular day the weather could not have been worse. Grey rain clouds scudded across a leaden sky and the wind howled down the passes. On the field

dust devils whirled along the red runways and the dry boards of the operations shack where we were waiting rattled in the gale.

The leader of the flight came in high over the western mountains circled twice and came in fast up wind. He missed the field, tried again and made it. When the pilot had taxied his ship up to the unloading area we went out to meet it, expecting a stream of sea sick Chinese to tumble out. Then to the mystification of all of us we heard a distinct neigh. The door was opened and there was no mistake. The plane contained six horses. Not China ponies, but Australian and U. S. remounts. More than five hundred head were flown in during that and the following day.

Let me hasten to add at this point that the horses all turned out to be officers' chargers and did not constitute a mounted reconnaissance squadron as I had at first hoped they did. The Japs used cavalry very effectively during all their China campaigns and it seemed about time the Chinese woke up to the fact that it might pay them to try it also. This, however, was too much to expect and the horses were soon split up among the various regiments of the army.

The following day the Japs took the important city of Tungkow and threw all the strength they could muster against the Chinese lines beyond the city. This strength included cavalry, two squadrons of which made a wide encirclement and nearly closed the Tungkow-Anchiang road behind our forces. The lines held, however, and a flight of mustangs tore up the cavalry by catching them in a pass. It was the turning point of the Jap advance. Their ammunition was almost exhausted and with the threat of a new and fresh army in front, a general withdrawal was ordered.

This was the time for attack but the Chinese as usual had no mobility and the Japs were able to withdraw with consummate ease, protecting

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### THE BELVIDERE HOUNDS



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## American Thoroughbred Racing

**Maryland, Virginia And The Carolinas Were The First To Answer The Clarion Call To Establish Racing; Revolutionary War Hinders Progress**

By Neil C. Collins

When we wrote an article on the early American trotter some weeks ago in connection with the running of the Hambletonian we intended to trace the history of trotting from the arrival of Messenger, the progenitor of all American trotters, right on up to the present time. In our research on the early American thoroughbred, however, we discovered that breeding the early harness racer was so closely allied to breeding the saddle racer that treating on one without the other was tantamount to building a house on a sandy foundation. It just wouldn't stand up, neither would tracing the early history of the thoroughbred horse stand up to scrutiny if any branch of endeavor in the building up of the American thoroughbred was omitted. Consequently, we decided to go back to the very roots of the racer in Europe and trace its history step by step from there until it found itself on the short-distance tracks of the young country that was growing fast across the Atlantic, and that was destined to become its second great home.

We treated on the Arabian stallions and the events leading up to their advent into England, and the nurturing of their progeny by both King and Commoner until a speedy thoroughbred was developed, and now we find ourselves with this great new equine discovery on the threshold of the new America that was to take it to heart and further develop it along greater lines.

So, for the sake of clarity in tracing the early history of the purebred horse in America, we will bring in the history of the trotter in separate articles when the occasion arises.

In our last article we related about the type of horse that was here before the progeny of these Arabian stallions started to arrive, and how, as early as 1665 Col. Richard Nicolls, first English Governor of New York, opened a short-distance track in Hempstead, Long Island. Now, we shall go on from there in a sincere endeavor to patch together the scattered fragments pertaining to the early history of the purebred horse in America, and to set down the facts as authentically as possible

in an honest effort to clear up any aura of doubt that surrounds its early history here.

We shall place special emphasis on the native purebreds as they crop up in our thoroughbred history from the beginning.

Before mentioning individual horses we shall give a brief resume of racing conditions in America from its inception.

The passion for the sport so highly developed in England spread to the colonies at an early date, but neither the Puritan of New England nor the Dutch settlers of New York had any great love for the horse, and so it remained for the cavaliers of the south to first establish racing here, and the clarion call to sport rang clear from the shores of Albion to the young states of Maryland, Virginia and the Carolinas on the Atlantic seaboard of the then called Americas. When the Dutch domination of New York gave way to the sport-loving English adventurers, the horse came into its own in the Empire State and breeding and racing began rapidly to develop there, and the industry prospered and succeeded to such an extent that it lived through two wars on the home front and much opposition from religious groups, and gave new impetus to the war-harrassed sportsmen of the south to carry on the industry.

In Pennsylvania of the fertile valleys and rich agricultural products the Quaker influence was such a strong deterrent that they had instituted restrictive legislation. Happily, all these impediments were relaxed with the passing of the years in many states, but there is still plenty room for expansion throughout the country.

Development was good up to the Revolutionary War, but at the end of eight years of strife the young country was so battle scarred that there was little time for thinking of sports and enjoyment. The combatants were so war-weary, exhausted and impoverished that when the peace was made in 1783 it required several decades of recuperation and construction to get back to anything like a state of normalcy, and a state

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## Season of 1946 AT STUD **PONTY**

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Charity and hunts racing throughout the country will benefit by the success of the two days of sport that were staged at Belmont Park on November 5 and 6, according to an announcement made by Lewis E. Waring, president of the United Hunts Racing Association yesterday at its offices at 250 Park Avenue. Last Election Day, November 6, produced an all-time high for hunts sport when 38,787 witnessed the running of the Temple Gwathmey Memorial Steeplechase and other races.

Three \$50,000 parcels were allocated—the first to be distributed among the American Red Cross, the National Service Fund, the Cancer Fund, the Al Smith Hospital campaign, the Sister Kenny Foundation Polio Fund, the Infantile Paralysis Fund, the United Hospitals Fund, The Seeing Eye, The Jockey Club Foundation and other worthy charities.

\$50,000 will be allotted for the encouragement of hunts racing throughout the country in 1946 and 1947 and a similar sum as a part of the purse monies for the United Hunts fall meeting of 1946. \$74,500 was awarded this year during the two days.

President Waring and his associates

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## Spring Timber Dates

For this spring, three of the top timber classics have selected dates. The Maryland Hunt Cup will run its 50th race on Saturday, April 27th. The Grand National Point-to-Point and Foxhunters Challenge Cup will hold their meeting on April 20th, while in Virginia the Virginia Gold Cup will announce their date shortly.

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## Exterminator And The Derby

By John Field

Thoroughly imbued with the Christmas spirit of peace on earth, the joyous and happy singing of bright-faced choir boys, the sound of sleigh bells in the snow and the hopes for a better New Year, this writer was glad to drop for the time being the bickerings in the press and the various pros and cons on alleged stimulant and drugging cases and to peruse instead the forthright announcement by Colonel Matthew J. Winn, president of Churchill Downs, that the 1946 running of the famous Kentucky Derby on May 4 will carry an added value of \$100,000 dollars. This will be an advance of \$25,000 over the previous high.

As this writer predicted several weeks ago Colonel Winn has retired from his Empire City office but that does not mean that the great energy that this man possesses, even at his advanced age, will not be directed to improving still farther the racing picture in America. This increase in the Kentucky Derby purse is certainly a fine beginning.

Back in 1918 the value of the Kentucky Derby was \$14,700 and the winner that year was none other than Exterminator or "Old Bones" as he was affectionately known. "Old Bones", who died only a few months ago at the age of 30 in Binghamton, N. Y., was judged by Colonel Winn as the greatest all-around thoroughbred in American racing history.

The thirty-year old son of the imported McGee out of Fair Empress lies buried in Binghamton beside his old stablemate, Sun Briar. Exterminator was bred by F. D. Knight and was owned by J. C. Milam until bought by the late Willis Sharpe Kilmer. Present at Exterminator's funeral was Mrs. Willis Sharpe Kilmer, widow of the man whose decision to send the great chestnut gelding into the 1918 Kentucky Derby started the horse on an unusual career.

Kilmer originally had planned to start Sun Briar in the Churchill Downs classic but Sun Briar became sluggish before the race, Kilmer scratched him and in order to keep his colors in the Derby went to the post with Exterminator.

"Old Bones" won that Kentucky Derby and forty-nine other races in 100 starts to become the greatest cup horse in America in the mind of Winn. The Exterminator Handicap at Pimlico was named for him.

Still honored years after his great triumphs Exterminator appeared at Belmont Park two seasons ago and helped sell \$25,000,000 in war bonds on Oct. 2 1943. In 1920 he won ten of seventeen races, six of them in a row. In that year he also set a record of 3:21 4-5 for two miles at

Belmont Park to win the Autumn Gold Cup.

Exterminator was foaled in Kentucky in 1915 out of Fair Empress and Kilmer bought him from Cal Milam for \$9,000 and two yearling fillies. After his retirement "Old Bones" lived in kingly fashion at Mrs. Kilmer's Riverside Drive farm. Exterminator was easily the most beloved American thoroughbred both as a racer and as a retired veteran. He acquired the name of "Old Bones" and the "Animated Hatrack" because of his spare, angular lines. But when he was in action on the track he ran effortlessly under any handicap and all conditions.

Exterminator was beloved by children especially and every birthday they brought him scores of presents and he always seemed to enjoy the little ones, both boys and girls, as much as they were happy with him.

Exterminator came to the Kilmer stables as a workhorse for the celebrated Sun Briar which was then preparing for the 1918 Kentucky Derby. Sun Briar never did get into condition to go to the post and the disappointed Kilmer, acting on the advice of Colonel Matt Winn sent the lanky workhorse to the starting line in his place.

Exterminator won by a length over Escoba at odds of 30-1. He never again went to the post at such odds and in the following seasons he won four successive Saratoga Cups, three Pimlico Cups, the Latonia Derby, the Toronto Cup, the Autumn Gold Cup and the Brooklyn Handicap.

Colonel Winn insists that "Old Bones" was the greatest racer that ever lived, even placing him above Man o'War and Lexington. Winn based his choice on Exterminator's ability to win at any distance from five furlongs to two and one half miles, under weights up to 140 pounds and in mud or on a hard track.

Exterminator, which also had some Hindoo blood in him, won his first race at Latonia in 1917 in June and seven years later in June of 1924 at Dorval Park he ran his last race, the Queen's Hotel Handicap, finishing third.

Bryan Field, general manager of Delaware Park, who is reported planning a trip to South America, may not be able to make airplane connections to Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires and Valparaiso as desired. Field, however, is pretty certain that he will be able to make a trip soon to Mexico. He reports that improvements are progressing steadily despite the lack of some materials.

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## Profile of a Horseman

By Artful

### JIMMIE MAHONEY

We were hoofing it down the Parkway looking for a garage. Sometimes you can't do anything right. This was one of those days. The flat tire wouldn't have mattered so much—if we'd had a jack, if it hadn't been cold and rainy, or even if I'd picked one winner all afternoon, but those rainbows were all around the corner.

"Remember our first meeting"? Jimmie Mahoney gritted at me in acid tones. "Vaguely", I replied, equally bitterly. "Think I disrupted your set a little that morning when the filly ran off with me". "Disrupted it", he said with vitriol, "you ruined the best horse in my string. I was going to start him the next afternoon too, if he had not gotten hurt." If all came back to me then. It must have been around 1929 or 1930 at Saratoga. Ed Bradley had a filly called Speedy Spooky. They used her as a lead pony schooling the jumpers and she could jump like the wind too. The Colonel used to let me gallop her, and hack her around. That morning I was riding up through Oklahoma when she cut loose. Mahoney's set was walking. I recall his loose horse and several curses as we went flying by. Speedy Spooky dumped me in the cornstalks outside of Bradley's barn and she wound up putting one of the Smoot brothers in the hospital with a broken skull.

It seemed like a good idea to skip the whole subject of Speedy Spooky

and our first meeting so we plodded silently down the road for awhile.

"How did you first happen to come on the racetrack?" I inquired: "Guess that was foreordained", he replied. "My Grandfather, Thomas Mahoney, came to America during the Civil War. He was brought over by Mr. E. D. Morgan. The family came originally from County Tipperary, Ireland. Dad, a veteran of two wars and a campaign, was blacksmith for August Belmont for the greater part of his life. I was born in New York City, on August 10, 1899. There were nine of us, three sons, and six daughters."

All three of the Mahoney boys went on the turf. I remember Willie and Tommy well. Both have answered the last call of the bugle now. Willie rode jumpers and he was a good man on a tough horse too. He won the Grand National on Mr. J. E. Davis' Earlocker and had plenty of other stake victories to his credit. He was bitten by a horse in 1936, and died from blood poisoning. Tommy was foreman for Mrs. Scott and used to school quite a few of the chasers too. He had a bad fall, and joined the innumerable caravan a couple of years later.

Jimmie went to school in Queens. He came on the racetrack in 1909 and worked as an exercise boy for Henry S. Page, author of "Between the Flags". Mahoney was only ten years old then and learned about racing the hard way back at the

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## Editorials

### JOHN BOWDITCH

When a grand sportsman dies, it is very sad. It is not so much that just another friend has gone but that something very fine has disappeared and left an empty void that will not fill. When John Bowditch died just before Christmas, a man left this world with a heart of gold, and there are not many like that. It is strange how different people are. Some are very successful, doing very well in whatever they try; they become very famous, they push bells, they employ thousands of men, they are very much esteemed.

Then there are others who work just as hard but never seem to make the grade, and there are still others, no matter what they do, no matter where they go, no matter who they see, always are asked to come back, always are met with a welcome hand. It doesn't make any difference about those people, whether they are a great success in business, whether they affix business success or failure to their names. Those men have the world at their feet. They are great as the quality of mercy is great, that quality which "Dropeth as the gentle rain from heaven."

There are not many people who knew John Bowditch who will forget his smile, his funny quiet chuckle, the twinkle in his eye when he started to tell a story. There will not be many who will forget the warmth and kindness, the little things that he could do for others, without making it appear as if he was going out of his way although it may have taken endless pains for him to arrange and bring about.

There are those who want others to know they are good men; there are others who try hard to do the right thing, but do it grudgingly, no matter how they try to gloss the effort over. There are others who are born with such a pleasant air of grace that they can wear the mantle of true kindness without the slightest trouble, because it belongs there, rests lightly on their shoulders, as it did on his.

John Bowditch as a sportsman, in business, or as a friend are all one and the same. For the sum total of this man in every thing he did added up to the same score, a great gentleman, a true sportsman, a loyal friend who through all of the vicissitudes of a life which is none too kind to the best, never gave up the gentle spirit of true kindness which he seemed to shed wherever he went with a ready smile, a helping hand, a pleasant well thought word whether of advice, of cheer or just a greeting that always rang sincerely true.

There could be a lot said of John Bowditch's full and active life. Master of hounds, farmer, business man, track executive, soldier, a man who suffered greatly from ill-health, and yet in all of the good times and the bad times that were his lot, there was one thing that stood out greater than all of his successes and all of his failures. John Bowditch unlike most all of us with those same successes, those same failures, never complained.

Looking back over visits and talks with him is like looking through a moving film upon which is indelibly portrayed the hand of a man who was able to give to others kindness, good humor and laughter and in doing so John Bowditch gave unstintingly of himself. He has left us now, but he has left us as he always did with a very happy memory of a very fine man, a great friend to each and every one, horse, hound or man who was fortunate to pass his way.

## Letters to the Editor

### Sporting Proposal For Allied Nations Victory Show

Editor, The Chronicle  
 Berryville, Virginia.

Dear Sir:—

Now that the war is over, every horseman in the country is looking forward to a very great horse-show season which we hope will be climax ed by a National Horse Show in Madison Square Garden next fall.

The great drawing card of the National has been the International Jumping Competitions for military teams. Will it be possible to get foreign military teams?

Unquestionably, some of the South American and perhaps the Canadian and American teams could get horses ready for such a competition. But the question is, would countries such as Britain, France, Holland, Belgium and others have horses available to enter such competition?

Also, must the riders be military men? Would it not be a good idea if each country of the Allied Nations could send a team regardless of military or civilian riders—or a combination of both.

Here is where our Good Neighbor policy could be applied to a great advantage. Why not get a survey of all suitable horses, not only in this country, but other countries as well, and make all these horses available to the riders of the different countries—regardless whether they have horses or not—with this understanding; that no one rider could

ride horses which he has trained himself. Have these riders here, say one or two weeks before the show starts and draw for their horses. This would give them time to get acquainted with them. Naturally, the requirements for the classes could not be up to pre-war standards; but still it would offer a most interesting competition between the riders of our Allied Nations.

I do not know if there are enough qualified horses available from our army supply, but I am sure that here civilian stables and owners could show their good sportsmanship by loaning their better horses for about a month for this purpose.

We all realize that there is much more detail to this than may show on the surface, and I fully realize that this may not be workable. It is just a mere suggestive thought, but such a thought would show our sportsmanship and bring closer together the ties of sportsmen of the Allied Nations.

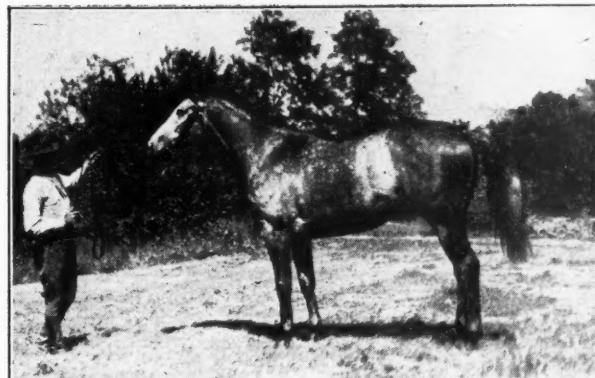
Very truly yours,

I. FRED MARSHAN,  
 Director of Riding.

Dana Hall School,  
 Wellesley, Massachusetts.

**Editor's Note:** A sporting proposal which has real possibilities for good neighborliness as well as making an interesting contribution to next year's National. However some owners might be particular about who rides their horses. Such a plan as Mr. Marsman says, needs careful thrashing out before it could be put to effect.

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## Herring, Sr., Coachman Taught Himself To Be A Painter

The picture on the frontispiece by J. F. Herring, Sr. is one of the best by this 19th century sporting painter. The original painting is in the possession of J. Watson Webb, Esq. at Shelburne, Vermont and is a stirring portrayal of the great days of coaching.

There is probably no one better fitted than J. F. Herring, Sr. to depict such a scene as the Glasgow Mail as he started out life as a stage coachman before turning to painting. Herring has been criticized by such commentators as Guy Paget for painting horses of too much similarity and that his subjects, particularly his hunting scenes were stiff and wooden far from the light and rapid movement of J. E. Ferneley.

It would be difficult to find more light, action and rapid movement than in this fine picture and even the severest critics of Herring, Sr. say nothing of the merits of early coaching scenes that are well-nigh flawless, and as Walter Shaw Sparrow said of Herring, "If he had developed his own style between 1714 and 1768 instead of between 1814 and 1868 what other painter of race horses in those times would have had a good chance of obtaining a commission."

Herring, Sr. was an artist who was nearly self taught and there can be no question but that his paintings have exercised an authoritative influence and have remained an invaluable service to unprejudiced students of English racing history, proof of which is the collections of Herring's made by such well known American authorities as Mr. William Woodward, Mr. Watson Webb, and many other noted sportsmen in America and England.

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## Belmont Park

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tes expressed hope that the coming year will witness the restoration of hunts activity—a department of sport which suffered virtual suspension throughout the war years. In 1940 there were twenty-five meetings staged—this year saw only 3, the two-day term at Belmont, the Rosetree Hunt at Media, Pennsylvania, and the Montpelier Meeting, Montpelier, Va., of Mrs. Marion duPont Scott.

Owners and amateur riders who were in the services are steadily returning to civil life and prediction was made that next Fall that sport will again be staged at meetings held in the Carolinas, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, New England, New York and in the Middle West.

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## China Cavalry

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their flanks with cavalry. I might add that men under my command in the OSS had blown the road so that no motor transport was available for either side. Air power as usual was on our side. The Japs had no combat planes in that area, but even the fourteenth air force was powerless unless the enemy could be seen. The usual procedure was for the Jap to move at night and hole up in the area during the day. Only during battles such as that of Chinkiang pitched battle such as that of Chih-

## Breeding Notes

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Stimulus—Heloise, by Friar Rock. It was an exciting bidding duel with W. Helis paying \$18,500 for the filly. The year before a full brother to this filly had topped the Meadow Brook Yearling Sales at \$33,000. Over a muddy track at the Fair Grounds on the 24th, Incitelle splashed to an easy 5-length victory in the 5th race.

### Two Divisions

The Christmas Handicap at the Fair Grounds was run in two divisions, Southern Stable's Gay Town bred by A. L. Ferguson accounting for the 1st division and Silver Star Stock Farm's Chipamink annexing the 2nd division. Chipamink had a run of 4 straight victories at Sportsman's Park this fall.

### Just Under Wire

When the bay gelding by Marconi—Gorgeous, by Prince Pal was named Marco B. Good, that was getting rather close to the 14 spaces allowed in a name. However, this did not unduly influence the 5-year-old in capturing the 8th race on the 27th to make it 2 trips to the winner's circle in as many outings at the Fair Grounds.

### Sired The Two Winners

Pompey, which has sired many winners and was standing at A. B. Hancock's Ellerslie Stud at Charlottesville, Virginia at the time of his death, also sired the winners of the 6th and 8th races at the Fair Grounds on the 28th. In the former race, J. P. Keezek's Stylus, which is out of Scalpel, by \*Sickle, accounted for his 4th race of the season while the latter race found C. Grayson's Ibex, out of Hilaria, by \*Polymelian, also making it 4 victories. The 7th race on the same day was won easily by J. E. Frost's Mabelew. The 2-year-old filly was bred by G. E. Lewis and is by Supremus which stands at O'Sullivan Farms, Charles Town, West Virginia.

### Sportsman Breeder

The well known sportsman B. Tuckerman, Jr., was the breeder of Black Africa, colorbearer for the E. B. Shipps which accounted for the 3rd race at the Fair Grounds on the 29th.

### Light Reigh

J. Truett's Light Reigh, by Reigh Count—Martinique, by Blue Ensign (Eng.), has had a busy time at the Fair Grounds. On the 29th, Light Reigh accounted for the feature of the card, the Pelican Handicap. This made it 3 victories and 3 2nds in 6 outings at this track.

### Double Feature

Double Feature, by Psychic Bid—Cinema, by Sweep, lived up to his name in winning the 5th race on the 29th, having made a trip to the winner's circle in his last outing at the Fair Grounds on the 15th. He was bred by W. H. Lipscomb and sold to A. White at the 1942 yearling sales.

### Gulfstream Park

Mrs. J. L. Moore's Entertainment, by Blenheim—Grand Gala, by \*Sir Gallahad III, bred by Wheatley Stable, won her 1st race of this sea-

king could the fighters be used against them effectively.

In the long run it didn't matter anyway but I shall always wonder what would have happened if those five hundred horses could have been used the right way against a tired and beaten enemy.

son in capturing the 5th at Gulfstream Park on the 25th. E. D. and C. W. Williams were the winning breeders in the 8th race as E. A. Helsing's Smoke Puff led the field across the finish by 5 lengths.

### Virginia Sires

The 2nd and 3rd races at Gulfstream Park on the 25th found 2 Virginia-bred in the coveted enclosure. The 2nd race was won by E. Koeppel's Fandango, a 2-year-old bay filly by Cloth o'Gold—\*Povanne, by Marvex (Eng.), bred by G. A. Garrett. Cloth o'Gold formerly stood at W. H. Lipscomb's Raspberry Plains near Leesburg, Virginia and then went to The Briar Patch, Hilton Village, Virginia. H. P. Metcalf's home-bred Blue Cross by \*Abbot's Nymph—High Blue, by High Time, racing for M. McCallum, drove to win the 3rd race by half a length.

### Maryland Showing

Maryland made the news on the 26th when Ed-Ell Stable's Flying Hero, bred by Harry H. Haines accounted for the 1st race and Mrs. Robert H. Heighe, well known breeder-owner of Safety Match, winner of the 6th race.

### Wheatley's Second

Wheatley Stable bred a second winner of the week on A. L. Aste's Snowline, winner of the last race on the card on the above date.

### Breaks Maiden At G. P.

Quaker Stable's Sheila May, by Jean Bart—Precept, by Supremus, bred by L. B. Sheppard, broke her maiden in the 2nd race on the 27th. The filly won easily by 3 1/2 lengths.

gameness or outstanding performance. The plan is that the shoe worn by such a horse will be imbedded in a small concrete block, together with a name plate narrating his age and date of running. This block will be set out in a small lane near the paddock . . . The high standard of riders at this meeting is revealed by the fact that among them are the winners of such races as the Kentucky Derby, Hollywood Gold Cup, Yankee Handicap, Lassies' Stakes, Walden Handicap, Laurel Mile, etc. . . . The Gulfstream Park Handicap at 1 1/4 miles, to be decided on Saturday, January 12, has been raised in value to \$10,000. This event will be the climax of the 40-day Winter season.

### Hialeah Getting Ready

The four Belgian percherons used to move the starting gate at Hialeah Race Course have arrived from a summer on the farm near Lexington. Steven Finn, former Ringling Brothers teamster, will drive the horses again this winter . . . M. B. Goff's Skytracer is back at Hialeah Race Course for another big stakes shot, the \$50,000 added Widener this time. The son of Flares was 2nd to Greentree Stable's Stir Up in the 1944 Flamingo Stakes . . . Fighting Step, Murlog Stable's champion 3-year-old colt, was a surprise nomination for the \$25,000 added McLenan and \$50,000 added Widener . . . Six new \$10,000 stakes will be run this winter during the Hialeah meeting.

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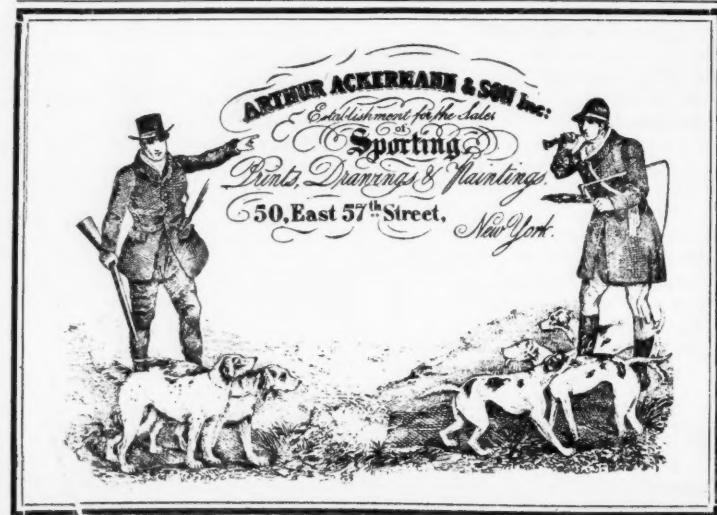
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## Juniors Up



**Mr. and Mrs. George DiPaula's Rose Valiant was named champion horse of the year by the Corinthian Club. Miss Elene Smith is pictured with Rose Valiant. Trigger, owned by R. B. Crosby was awarded reserve honors.**

(Photo by Vernon Murphy).



**Mrs. J. Elliott Mechling stole the honors at Pinehurst's first gymkhana of the season by winning first in the jumping class for children 19 and under, and also in the exhibition jumping class. The gymkhana was held on Sunday, November 24th and was the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Pinehurst by James Tufts.**



**Master Buddy Diedeman, 11 year old from Maryland was named horsemanship champion by the Corinthian Club of Baltimore for the year of 1945. Here he is pictured with his good pony, Dolly O'Day and Judge Walter J. Appel. Miss Joyce Burkeheimer placed second.**

(Photo by Vernon Murphy).



**Also winning at Pinehurst was Miss Fay Caddell's gray jumping horse, Silver, who won the hearts of all the spectators and placed second in the musical stall ride, a class with 16 entries. The judging was done by Mrs. Paul Miller of Fayetteville, N. C., and Major C. H. Cleghorn of Fort Bragg, N. C.**

(Photo by Hemmer).

## California Juniors



Maureen Dohner and Canuck and Tad Mulligan on Bombs Away, a finely matched hunter pair.



Nancy Wood of San Mateo puts in a good one over timber during the California show circuit with Wake Island.



An obstacle to try the heart of the stoutest does not seem to affect the hearts of Peggy Wood and Admiral King.



Diane Thys of Sacramento is shown with Wheatstraw. She was named champion rider of the first of this season's Barbara Worth Stables Hunter Trials while Wheatstraw was named the champion horse.

## Thoroughbreds Trace In Tail-Male To One Of First Three Stallions

From Nelson Dunstan's "Origin of the Thoroughbred", we learn that in a study of the first edition of the English Stud Book the names of 174 imported eastern sires appear in the pedigrees of the 100 mares registered. Only 3 of the number have lived on in their male line, known as "tail-male" in breeding parlance; that is, tracing the breeding from sire to son to grandson. It is always to be found in the "top line" of the pedigree. Every thoroughbred in the world today traces directly (in the tail-mail) to one of the three, the Darley Arabian, the Byerly Turk or the Godolphin Barb.

The Darley Arabian was imported as a 4-year-old about 1704 by Thomas Darley. The Stud Book says he is "probably a Turkish or Syrian horse." Other authorities claim he was a pure-bred Arabian. It is believed that the Byerly Turk was captured from the Turks about 1685. He was later used as an officer's charger by a Captain Byerly in King William's wars in Ireland. The 3rd to be imported was the Godolphin Barb, or Godolphin Arabian, supposedly rescued from pulling a water cart in Paris about 1728 by a Mr. Coke. This gentleman gave him to the keeper of the St. James Coffee House, who in turn gave him to the Earl of Godolphin, in whose stud he served for many years.

As it worked out, each of the 3 eastern sires had a direct male representative to which we can trace every thoroughbred. The Darley Arabian is the great-great-grandson of Eclipse (1764); the Byerly Turk, the ancestor of Herod (1758); the Godolphin Barb has the descendant Matchem (1748).

## Thoroughbred Racing

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of normalcy at that era meant bad roads and poor transportation facilities, so that it took a long time before people could congregate at any type of sporting event.

When the broken threads of racing and breeding were picked up again they spread rapidly along the Atlantic seaboard from New York to Georgia. In the meantime sportsmen from beyond the Allegheny Mountains picked up the traces, and the pioneers of Kentucky and Tennessee with whatever money they could scrape together bought some of the best animals that the older states could provide. The neighboring states caught the fever and the interest extended farther to Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. As the country grew the early settlers gave vent to their sporting enthusiasm by establishing "running tracks".

New Orleans as the great port of the south, in due course became the mecca of the sporting fraternity from home and abroad.

The covered wagons were moving west and the golden sunshine of California of the Conquistador was calling the lover of the horse. When gold was discovered there in 1849, the subsequent prosperity of sporting prospectors brought the racing horse to the Pacific, and ever since it has found a permanent home there where it reigns in a fashion befitting a monarch.

Now, for the second time in less than a century war interfered with

## Profile Of A Horseman

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turn of the century.

After leaving Mr. Page, Jimmie went with the Tucker Brothers. There were three of them—Harry, Evans, and John. He remained there until 1915 then he hooked up with Johnny Hastings. At that time Johnny had Audacious, Enfilade, Duke of Duluth and Lytle. You'll find the name of the first Enfilade inscribed in Goodwins or Krik's as winner of some of our most famous stakes. Lytle was a fair sort of a horse. He accounted for the Grand National as an eight year old. That was back in 1922, and Spec Crawford was in the pilot house.

Jimmie is what you might call a "young old timer". He's relatively young in years yet he was closely associated with those who made history when racing was the sport of kings. He got to know Sam Hildreth pretty well, and Sam got him a job with William Duke. Duke was, I believe, leading trainer in France for close to thirty years. The assistant trainer under Duke, later became head conditioner for the Aga Khan. Mr. Duke was training for the account of Giff Cochran then, and they had some horses who were making turf history. Flying Ebony, Genie, Dangerous, (a Travers winner,) and Valkyrie were among them. Jimmie remained in his employ until 1927, or thereabouts. Uncle Henry McDaniel took over the Cochran string after that.

Mahoney branched out for himself, and started a public stable. The first horse he ever trained was for Jack McDonald. Later he got a few from George Saportas. "After that", recalled Jimmie "I took over the Flying Horse Farm horses. They were owned by Sumner Pingree. In 1928 Mr. Pingree sent me to Europe. I bought Melissa II and Moholl for him in Ireland, and picked up Toreador II in England. All three turned out to be top notch fencers".

In 1930 Jimmie severed connections with the Flying Horse Farm, and the following season again started a public stable. That was when he got Richard Whitney's horses. Later Mr. Whitney's stepson, Sammy Sands went in for racing. As I recall it, he had a fair sort of a horse in Ward in Chancery. Sammy was writing a racing column for a daily newspaper, making a damn good job of it too—I might add. I always envied Sammy—writing came so easily to him. He used to bring his typewriter to Armando's after the races. He set it up in a little entrance hall outside of the

the progress of the thoroughbred horse in the United States.

The Civil War came along in 1861, and in its wake came many far-reaching changes in the economic structure of the young country that was fighting for its life.

The south suffered rather badly when caught in the maelstrom of social insecurity.

Virginia's long leadership in turf affairs, particularly in that of breeding the thoroughbred, passed on to Kentucky whose ascendancy was to be permanent.

New Orleans' supremacy on the track was swept away, and after 1865 the northern states took leadership in all phases of the purebred equine industry, and things have remained like that up to the present time.

bar. Interruptions never seemed to bother him. He'd go right along bat-tling out his copy. Before long, Sammy and his typewriter became an institution at Armando.

Those were the days when Mahoney was doing pretty well. He's doing well again now. He took over the Millburg string last fall. Alex Barth is among their campaigners and he's no slouch in any man's book. To date he has accounted for over \$100,000 in second moneys but you can't be on top of the heap all of the time. The Whitney string was disbursed and Jimmie saw a few lean days. Around 1937, he went to work as a starter at various hunt meetings. I think he was about the only starter who didn't leave what have you at the post. He was notoriously bad at the barrier.

"The next years were pretty tough", continued Jimmie. "I went to Cuba in the winter of 1939. That was a disastrous campaign," he recollects with a grin. Jimmie has some tall tales to tell about that Cuban trip. Hard times were still knocking at the door. He did manage to get home from Cuba and the following year he sold mutual tickets. During the summer of 1940 he took over some horses for Albert Illich, and after Mr. Illich sold out in the fall of '42, Jimmie went to work in a defense plant. The following season he conditioned the Dock Stable Horses.

"Who was the first winner you ever saddled?" I asked. Jimmie was in a better mood by then. We hadn't found a garage but we were comfortably seated in a restaurant. That helped. "My first official winner", he replied, "was Wracken. He was owned by the Flying Horse Farm, and won up in Toronto in 1928. The

best horse I ever saw", he continued, "was Man o'War. He gave everything he had. He was always honest—always anxious. He had no 'off races' or 'on races'. He was out there doing his best every time. I think the English horse Brown Jack was the next best I ever saw. You never had to dig up excuses for him. He broke track records—and was always out there trying. My choice for the greatest filly would be Princess Doreen".

"How about the jumpers", I queried. "The Brook was far and away the best I ever saw. He packed all kinds of weight—and was as game as horses come. I used to school him," reminisced Jimmie. "The best jumper I ever trained was Landboy. I had him for Mr. A. J. Goodwin from South Hamilton Mass. That was back in 1928, before I went to England. I developed him", he recalled, "and he had plenty of heart, and could run all day, he'd do just about anything you asked of him. He defeated Bridge, the outstanding jumper of the season. Bobby Davis rode him that day. It was in the Westchester Biltmore Gold Cup.

Jimmie may seem a trifle rough and ready—but he has a heart of gold. And this I know about him. He's all horseman. The word Hotel-trainer isn't in his vocabulary. He gets out to the barn early. He's back there again in the evening whether he runs one or not. He'll do a swipes work if he's short of help. His horses come first with him—and the rest goes for the end book. I think most horsemen have a sentimental side. They wouldn't be in racing otherwise. Jimmie has his—it's for his horses. He calls them all "little people" and to him they truly are little people.

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## Point-to-Point Conditions Vary Yet All Should Stress Weight And Distance

By "HARK FORRARD"

This is the time of year to be thinking about point-to-points. Winter has closed in on us. We hope that a January thaw is not far away, but at the same time we can't help wondering whether we shouldn't let down one or two of our hunters at least. If it comes to such a choice keep your faster horses in work. Now that the war is over and many of our younger riders are back in the field we may confidently expect a revival of the point-to-point races that were one of the most sporting features of the end of each hunting season. Don't let yourself be grounded next March for lack of a little forethought now.

This is also a good time for point-to-point committees to consider the conditions of these races. In the past they have differed widely. At Warrenton, for instance, not until the horses were actually lined up for the start have the points been announced and thereafter everyone has been free to take his own line. At the Piedmont race, on the other hand, the course has been flagged some days in advance.

These variations are entirely as they should be. Each race should conform to the conditions of the country in which it is held, not only as to terrain and fences, but also as to distance, weight, and other requirements. Although it adds to the interest if horses and riders from outside hunts are allowed to compete, each point-to-point should be run with the members of the local hunt as the main consideration. Once we attempt to standardize conditions, we run the risk of establishing a regular "circuit" with a few outsiders winning an unduly large proportion of the races.

One thing is essential to a successful point-to-point, however, and that is that it should be run at hunting rather than racing pace. If a foxhunter wants to go at racing pace and owns a horse that can run that fast, he belongs in the timber races at the hunt race meetings, not in a point-to-point. If the conditions are drawn so as to encourage racing pace, the number of riders (as well as horses) that can compete will be greatly reduced and the sport consequently weakened.

Various devices have been suggested and tried to reduce the speed of point-to-points. It is often stipulated that no horse shall be eligible that has started at a hunt race meeting or regular track within a certain period. Other common provisions are that only amateurs or owners

may ride. Occasionally the design of the course is relied upon, as in the case of the National Hunter Champion Steeplechase run at Middleburg, Va. on April 12, 1941.

The Chronicle described the conditions of the race as follows:—"The course (about four miles) will be so designed that it will demand a hunting performance rather than a racing performance. Tractability, just as on a good day with hounds, will be essential. Speed arresting in-and-outs and twisting turns will tax further the best efforts of the hunting man and his hunting hunter."

A. Mackay-Smith of White Post, Va., who now writes a farming column for this paper, commented as follows on these conditions in The Chronicle of Feb. 14, 1941:

"In my opinion the above 'speed arresting devices' will be ineffective. There are only two things that will really cut down speed in a race—weight and distance. The proposed weight of 185 pounds is very fair, but the distance of four miles is entirely too short. It is the distance at which we run our most important hunt meet timber races, the Maryland Hunt Cup, the Virginia Gold Cup, etc. . . . The Middleburg race is to fill the coffers of the local paneling fund and there will be no display of 'tractability' because of in-and-outs or sharp turns, which at this distance will actually add to the danger instead of decreasing it. When the boys come pounding down to the sixth fence for the glory of the old One Gallus Hunt, the only thing that will make them take back will be the knowledge of those extra miles still ahead."

In the race itself only four out of fifteen starters completed the course and Gerry Webb, in his account in The Chronicle (April 18, 1941), said: "The turns, twists and hills in the almost 4½ miles, all the 26 jumps as well, proved to have as little effect on arresting the pace as a wide open throttle has on an airplane."

If point-to-points are to be run at hunting pace, the distance must be not less than six miles. Any good foxhunter mounted on a fit horse can go the pace required by this distance with reasonable safety and pleasure. And it is just this class of rider that should constitute the backbone of the sport.

One other thing is important. The conditions should be drawn so as to provide for every class of rider in the hunt who might like to enter. Besides an open race, put on a division for heavyweights (they can both be run together if necessary),—men weighing 200 pounds or better, including tack. If there are lots of gals about, have a ladies' race and if there are plenty of youngsters, pick a date in the Easter vacation and have a junior division. It is usually better to have a minimum weight in the open race, rather than catch weights; when the latter is allowed it is too easy for a light boy to steal the show, thus discouraging the middleweights.

In a country that continually tends to professionalize all contests, the point-to-point is a haven of sport for its own sake. Let's do everything we can, not only to encourage it, but to keep it that way.

## Notes From Great Britain

By J. Fairfax Blakeborough

### Soldiers Responsible For Tremendous Influx Of Dogs To Great Britain

Apropos the much discussed question (and the obvious dangers) of soldiers and others bringing home Great Britain dogs from foreign parts, a field officer of the last war says:

"In Italy, when we started on our march back from Taglamento, we finished up with no less than a pack of forty dogs, ranging from a Great Dane, or what was meant to be one, to a small would-be 'Pom'. There was a great deal of hydrophobia about at the time, so I had them all rounded up and shot, making one exception in the case of the saddler's dog, which had been all through the war with the 106th Battery, and wore a little coat decorated with all the medals and decorations obtainable".

One can quite understand those who have had a dog as a faithful pal in all the hardships and squalor, the dangers and often terrible loneliness of war, hating to leave them behind. It seems heartless ingratitude, a betrayal of trust, yet many of us, in the first world war, realised that it would be unfair and wrong to smuggle home animals we had loved. Some did get them to this country and I never heard of any outbreak of rabies or other disease as a result—but there was a grave risk which should not have been run. One is reminded in this connection of Kipling's lines:—

Buy a pup and your money will buy love unflinching that cannot lie—Perfect passion and worship fed By a kick in the ribs or a pat on the head.

Nevertheless it is hardly fair To risk your heart for a dog to tear.

I have often heard it said that sportsmen look upon their dogs and horses as mere machines to provide them with pleasure, excitement or gain, and that they have no real affection for them, and don't even know their own animals in a crowd.

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That may be true of some, but it is not true of the majority, especially in the case of owners of sporting dogs.

### Badger Digging

One hears (not without regret) that badger diggers are on the war-path again. In many cases the objective is mainly to "try" terriers, in others it is to exterminate one of the last remaining, and most interesting, of our English wild animals. Some badger diggers, however, are true friends of "Brock", and organise their expeditions with a view to removing badgers from localities in which they are too numerous, or are in danger of destruction, to estates on which they are welcome and are preserved. I have taken part in a number of such "digs", but have always deprecated the attendance of a whole pack of terriers, whose owners are anxious to turn them into cettes (i. e. badger-earths), one after the other until the occupants are exhausted. This seems to me a most unsportsmanlike proceeding, whilst not a few immature dogs are often badly mauled by being allowed to face one of the hardest bitten animals known. That great sportsman Maj. V. Nickalls, who did a lot of badger digging, once said: "When one hears, as one often does amongst

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# Grass Roots



## Cattlemen All Over The Country Will Watch With Keen Interest The Results Of William DuPont's Own Breed Of Santa Gertrudis Cattle

By A. Mackay Smith

William Dupont, Jr. is known to the readers of The Chronicle as one of the country's leading architects of steeplechase courses, as the breeder of many good racehorses including Rosemont, winner of the Santa Anita Handicap, and as M. F. H. of the Foxcatcher Hounds, which are largely founded in the splendid pack developed by Joseph B. Thomas. He is not so well known, however, as one of the largest, if not the largest, breeder of beef cattle in the east. On his farms about Fair Hill, Md., the country hunted by his hounds and the scene of the hunt race meeting held under the auspices of that track, he maintains a herd of about 1200 grade Hereford cows that supply steers for the Baltimore market.

More recently, Mr. Dupont has become interested in Santa Gertrudis cattle, the cherry red breed developed by the King Ranch in Texas by crossing Shorthorns and Brahmans on a 50-50 basis. Here are the figures as given by Mr. Dupont. His Hereford steers, which more than once have topped the Baltimore market, usually weigh from 1000 to 1100 pounds at fifteen months of age. A few years ago, however, he visited the King Ranch and found that at the same age many of the Santa Gertrudis cattle weighed as much as 1800 pounds. If they would make such gains in Texas why not in Maryland?

The problem of acquiring Santa Gertrudis breeding stock proved to be far from simple, however. Although Mr. Dupont's good friend Robert Kleburg is one of the owners of the Ranch, it is against their policy to sell heifers. For one reason they do not yet produce enough bulls to supply their own commercial herds and for another they quite naturally wish to retain for their own exclusive use the breed which they themselves have created with such pains. They did offer to sell Mr. Dupont some bulls, but quite naturally said that they would keep the best for their own use.

In order to get around these difficulties Mr. Dupont has worked out the following ingenious scheme. Probably the best herd of Brahma cattle in the country is that of J. D. Hudgins at Hungerford, Texas whose great bull Aristocrat Manso is known to cattlemen everywhere. Not far away at Beeville is one of the best registered Shorthorn herds in the state belonging to John Impson. Mr. Dupont has leased from the Impson herd for three years a selected group of cows which are being bred to the Hudgins bulls.

The heifers from these matings are being sent at weaning time to Mr. Dupont's home farm at Wilmington, Delaware. One crop has already arrived. All are red brindles except for one solid red and at seven to eight months of age weighed from 586 to 624 pounds. These heifers are being bred to one of the top Santa Gertrudis bulls which has been leased to Mr. Dupont by the King Ranch. The heifers so produced will be bred back to another Santa Gertrudis bull and from this last mating Mr. Dupont hopes to produce bulls which will compare very favorably with the King Ranch bulls and which will be used on the commercial cows at Fair Hill. This, in brief, is the Dupont scheme for producing the equivalent of Santa Gertrudis bulls.

As we have said above about 1200 Hereford brood cows are usually maintained at Fair Hill. Most of these are purebred or very close to it, although unregistered. In order to follow more closely the Santa Gertrudis pattern with his commercial cattle, Mr. Dupont has recently purchased 150 cows and 50 heifers from the grade Shorthorn herd of the Sni-A-Bar Farm at Grain Valley, Mo. This herd is the outcome of a very interesting experiment. Some twenty-five years ago James Napier, then as now manager of Sni-A-Bar, bought a bunch of nondescript cows in the Kansas City stockyards. His purpose was to demonstrate the degree to which good Shorthorn bulls could improve even the commonest sort of cows. Since that time the best of the Sni-A-Bar bulls have been bred to these cows and their descendants. Today it is difficult to say which is better—the grade herd or the purebred herd. The comparison is a testing one as the Sni-A-Bar purebred herd is one of the best in the United States.

The Sni-A-Bar commercial herd has produced some of the best steers seen in fat stock competition in the past ten or fifteen years. The bottom of the females have been regularly sold for beef. Because the experimental phase of the work has been completed and because the pure-bred herd has increased greatly in size, Sni-A-Bar decided to sell the major part of the commercial herd. Mr. Dupont fortunately came along at the right moment and has thus been able to acquire a group of Shorthorns which for numbers and quality would be very hard to duplicate.

All of the 200 head have been bred to Shorthorn bulls so that the heifer calves they are now carrying will be added to the herd. Hereafter

## Great Britain Notes

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rustics "My dog killed a badger", one may feel certain that the speaker is not a strict adherent to the truth. I am prepared to assert that no dog ever has or ever will kill a badger single-handed without being killed himself". This perhaps needs a little qualification before one can entirely agree with the Major. If he had said "No dog has killed a full-grown, fresh badger in its own earth, before it has been tired out either by combat or burrowing to elude capture", one might have agreed with him. Yet, as he says, almost every village has its terrier owner who will tell you that his dog will draw and kill any badger. Somehow these dogs don't do this when there are any witnesses present. A frightened captive badger, out of its element, and possibly for days without proper food, is not the real animal, and conquest of such is a poor business bringing no credit to the terrier, and certainly none to those dog owners who "try" a succession of them at the unfortunate prisoner. Terriers can be very useful in assisting to locate badgers in big, rambling old underground strongholds, with their many chambers, but they should be seasoned dogs, and their purpose should be to hold up or locate, rather than to give combat, with an animal who, by nature of its dentition, has a terrible bite. The badger is naturally a most inoffensive animal. It seeks quarrels with none, but when it comes to a fight, there is no more courageous beast on the face of the earth. As Major Nickalls, previously quoted, says "A badger is the hardest thing to kill that exists, and I have seen a pack of hounds take five minutes to finish one off".

### Horses and Dogs and Fire

Recently a wire-haired terrier, Flexrona Futurist,—a dog of considerable renown, and said to be worth £1000—lost its life at Hubby, near York, through fire. In this case the question did not arise, for the dog could not be reached in time to rescue it, or make it possible for it to escape, but a correspondent writes to me:

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fire, but I have seen two fires at stables, and the difficulty there is in getting horses out of either burning, or smoke-filled buildings. They seem to be absolutely paralyzed with fear and literally have to be dragged away from danger. What would be the attitude of dogs under similar circumstances?

I too, have experienced the difficulties of removing horses from burning stables but have never seen a kennel on fire. The general conduct of dogs towards smoke and flame is to get away from it, and I should say that given half a chance they would not be long in making their exit from any burning building without any encouragement or compulsion.

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## Humphrey Finney Tells Of Sales And Auctions Problems

One of Nelson Dunstan's interesting guests, Humphrey Finney, field manager of the Maryland Breeders' Association, and editor of *The Maryland Horse*, speaks of sales and auctions, and of some of the problems attending and corrections which could be applied. In many instances the registration certificate is not transferred with the sale of a horse. After a sales catalogue is made up, horses entered, have been scratched, because they have been sold privately before hand, thus disrupting the catalogue and the prospective buyers' plans. The Breeders' Sales Company has a written contract all consignors must sign that they cannot withdraw a horse unless he is claimed or is certified by a veterinarian that he is not in proper condition. If a consignor breaks this contract, he is forever barred from selling with that company.

In England at a meeting of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association at Newmarket the resolution was recommended that no horse be withdrawn within 21 days of the date of the sale except for illness or accident. Another problem is that of bidding in by a consignor of his own horse to raise the price. The Guernsey cattlemen impose a real penalty for such a practice which has virtually put a stop to it.

## Breeding Notes

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### Entries for Ascot Gold Cup

Twenty-nine entries are on hand for England's Ascot Gold Cup this year. French owners have named 8 in a strong challenge to repeat the 1924 running when the French Massine won. Entries for the 2½ miles are: Rising Light, Kingstone, Sapper, Edenbridge, Ardan, Marsyas II, Caracalla II, Faliero, Isfahan, Loch Shiel, Kew-Aged, Clifontreschic, Basileus, Wayside Inn, Black Peter, Britannicus, Hunsingore, Wings of Song, Chamossaire, Someo, Anwar, Urgay, Chanteur II, Delville Wood, Stirling Castle, Trimbush, Lucifer, Fairwell and John Peel. H. Clifton nominated Clifontreschic and this 14-year-old will compete with the field of 28. He was foaled in France under the name of Tres Chic. After running in hurdle races in England, his owner sold him, then bought him back with the new name Flagg. He was then given his present name.

### Bleu d'Or

Bleu d'Or, a 7-year-old stallion by Blue Larkspur—\*Fauville d'Or, by Sardanapale, bred by Mrs. John D. Hertz, will again join the stallion ranks at Herbert M. Woolf's Woolford Farms, Kansas City, Missouri. Bleu d'Or starting his racing career as color-bearer for Walter P. Chrysler. As a 3-year-old, he was retired and sold to Mr. Woolf after he broke down in the Wood Memorial at Jamaica but stayed to finish 2nd behind Requested. He was retired to stud duty but was back at the tracks last year and won his first 3 outings.

### Kentucky Derby

Held without interruption since 1875, the Kentucky Derby will have its 72nd running on May 4, 1946. This renewal will be the richest in the history of the Derby, the amount of \$100,000 having been added. Nominations for the "Run for the Roses" will close February 15 and several entries have already been re-

ceived. Breeders of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd horses will receive cash awards of \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500 respectively.

### India Has It Too

The scene in doping horses changes to India where the Royal Western India Turf Club disqualified the Maharaja of Rajpipla's Windsor Prince as winner of the Idar Gold Cup, the saliva, sweat and urine of the horse having been found positive to alcohol. Windsor Prince's trainer, E. Forsyth, president of the trainers' association, was suspended for one week at the end of which time he is expected to furnish an explanation. The Maharaja has given a great number of his horses the name of Windsor, his Windsor Lad winning the English Derby and St. Leger in 1934.

### T. R. A. Goes To Bat

Thoroughbred Racing Associations of the United States has taken another step in its all time efforts to better the American turf. The Association has appointed Spencer Drayton as administrator to organize a T. R. A. Division of Protection. There will not be a central office but will work against suspicious elements in racing wherever they may be found. The cost of such an organization runs into money but the men behind T. R. A. won't let this stop their desire to make dishonesty a bad policy around the race tracks.

### Santa Anita 3-Way Victory

Santa Anita's 55-day meeting got under way on December 29 with approximately 50,000 fans on hand. The feature of the card was the 7th running of the California Breeders' Champion Stakes for 2-year-olds bred in California. L. B. Mayer's Australian sire, Beau Pere was represented by Honeymoon, Moneybags and Charivari and they led the field under the wire in that order. To Trainer G. Philpot goes the honor of being the first trainer to saddle all three money horses since Ben Jones performed that feat in saddling Good Blood, Twosy and Thine to finish in that order in Washington Park's Prince Pat Stakes in 1944.

### \$100,000 Handicap

Of the 133 horses nominated for the 9th running of the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap on March 9, 85 of the world's foremost sires have one or more of their get in the long roster. Of this number, 17 are California stallions and 68 of them represent the east, south, midwest and foreign lands. Of the latter, there are horses standing at the present time in England, Ireland, Australia, Chile and Argentina. Eighteen of the stallions represented are imported horses, most of them coming to this country from England.

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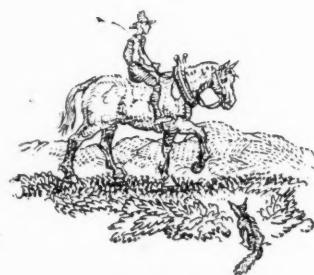
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# In the Country



## New Maryland Manager

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## Hunt Races

Back on the list for both Spring and Fall meetings are the Middleburg Hunt Race Association and Rose Tree Fox Hunting Club. At the meeting this month the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association will make its decision on the applications for the various hunt meetings. The 1946 season will find the return of hunt meetings which have been inactive during the war years.

## No Hound Show

The annual Hound Show was out for the duration and the various hunts have indicated that it is not advisable to resume it in January this year. This event brings together the outstanding entries from the recognized hunts and is looked forward to each year. It is hoped that next year will see the resumption of the show.

## Soldier's Medal

One of polo's best known participants, Marine Capt. Winston Guest, was recently decorated with the Soldier's Medal for braving a heavily mined airfield at Canton to land an Allied rescue team before the Japanese had officially surrendered.

## Sportswoman Dead

Mrs. Ethel V. Mars of River Forest, Illinois, died on Christmas Day. Mrs. Mars maintained the Milky Way Farm Stable since the death of her

husband in 1934 and that stable was the turf's leading money winner in 1936 with \$206,450. Mrs. Mars' Gallahadion captured the Kentucky Derby in 1940 and some of the more prominent color bearers were Reaping Reward, Wise Daughter, Whiskolo, Tiger, Case Ace, Well Rewarded, etc. Last spring Mrs. Mars disposed of her breeding farm in Pulaski, Tennessee and although she retired her racing colors two years ago, she planned to enter the sport again after the war.

## Finally Off Boat

When the horses arrived at Norfolk from the Argentine sales, 3 2-year-olds had to remain aboard. They went on to Baltimore where they were released to Arthur White of Middburg, Virginia. Now 3-year-olds according to U. S. thoroughbred rules, these youngsters belong to William Ridgely Howard of California. They have been quarantined at Pimlico track and will be released as soon as duplicate documents come through. Upon their release, they will be sent to Mr. White's farm where he will train them for flat racing. The consignment was bought at Haras Chapadmalal, De Ventas, Del Hipodromo, Argentino and include a chestnut filly, Sirenedad; bay filly, Oreol and brown colt, Piedrola.

## Springsbury Gala

New Year's is always a gala occasion at Springsbury Farm of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Greenhalgh in Clarke County, Va. where a great whoopee party is the custom. Not only did the party this year bring in 1946 but also welcomed George P. Greenhalgh, Jr. home after constant active duty with the artillery in France and Germany.

## Gulfstream's Medallions

Owners of yearlings are having difficulty in finding stall space at Hialeah or Tropical Parks.... James Donn, president of Gulfstream Park, has kept his promise to horsemen before the start of the season that owners and trainers would share in any added revenue to the track, lifting the purses to the highest in the track's history. Every human likes to have some-

thing to carry around in his pocket and the plan of the Gulfstream officials to present every winning jockey of a featured handicap with a medallion, inscribed with the name of the horse, race and date to be kept as a permanent reminder of that victory meets with great approval.

## J. H. Clark To North Wales

North Wales Stud at Warrenton, Virginia has secured the services of John H. Clark, of Lexington, Kentucky to act as manager. Mr. Clark took over his duties the first of the year having been recently discharged from the Navy where he served for 3 years. Before the war, he did some breeding on his own in Kentucky and wrote for various turf publications. North Wales now has the services of Dr. Reed, resident veterinarian, who replaced Dr. William Caslick now in Kentucky as well as Mr. Clark.

## No Points

When the question arose at 2 a.m. at the recent New York Horse Show of whether the points for 3rd and 4th ribbons should count in the high jump class (where money was given only to 1st and 2nd places), the committee asked Mrs. Elizabeth Correll to make a formal protest to the A. H. S. A. so that the matter could be cleared up. Lew Dunbar, Mrs. Correll's entry, was tied for jumper championship if he did not get his 2 points for 3rd in this class. Mrs. Correll did not wish to make this protest and agreed to let the committee ask the A. H. S. A. about this. However, she telephoned the manager of this show the next morning and asked him to send her the reserve jumper championship ribbon, which he did.

## T. R. A.'s New Book

We have been reading with great interest T. R. A.'s new book, "Thoroughbred Racing and Breeding", published by Coward McCann and Co., which has just been released to the general public. In it we found a story about Eddie Arcaro, highly amusing and worth repeating.

"And there is the classic story of the small-time trainer who engaged Arcaro to ride his plater in a mile race. 'I want you to come out of the gate fast . . . but not too fast,' he said. 'I want you to lay about fourth on the first turn, move up to third on the back stretch, be second at the far turn, at the head of the stretch, take the lead and come on and win.'

"The horse in spite of all Eddie could do, finished a very bad seventh and the trainer, lying in wait for Arcaro, pounced on him as he walked back to the Jockeys' room. 'Didn't I tell you,' he demanded, 'to be fourth on the turn, third on the back stretch, second at the far turn and then to take the lead at the head of the stretch and come on and win?' 'What!' Eddie yelled. 'And leave the horse?'"—J. W. B.

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The Warrenton Hunt held their meet December 8, 1945 at Clovelly, the estate of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Winmill. The hunt was well represented by having a goodly number of horses in the field. At the cast off signal, Huntsman Bywaters carried the 14 couple of hounds to the first covert and they went in to draw with great interest and enthusiasm. However, the covert on Clovelly was drawn blank. Hounds were then drawn Northeast through the Ullman property and Foxes Covert. This also proved blank. By this time there were mutterings in the field about Bluebird days as the sun was shining brightly and the temperature high for a December day.

It was then decided to cross Springs Road and draw Shipmadilly. This covert also looked to be blank as the majority of the pack had drawn through when a hound spoke in covert and was immediately honored by the entire pack. Seconds after this action, Whipper-in Conroy hallooed a fox away which proved to be a gray. Hounds came out of covert simultaneously with the halloo. They were well packed and driving their quarry hard. After a fast burst of 15 minutes, he was put to ground beneath the stone wall which is the boundary between Mr. Jenkins' property and Mrs. E. Morton.

Upon giving hounds ample time to mark their quarry to ground, they were hacked back through Shipmadilly and on to a favorite fox-holding covert on St. Leonard's. Hounds were cast into this covert and found immediately. This fox took an East route and it looked very much as though we were going back to Shipmadilly. Upon passing a group of automobile hunters, we were told that the fox was a large red and that he had turned South. This proved true as the line went directly through the good galloping fields of St. Leonard's, on South across the Springs Road through Waverly to Clovelly and Ullman's.

At this point the fox decided to go through some property which is, unfortunately, closed to the Hunt. However, this meant nothing to hounds as they were well packed and driving hard for a kill. The hunt staff went into the forbidden country and were fortunate enough to get to hounds at a slight check only to see the pack split. Four couple stayed with the original fox which turned back Northeast and came out at a point close to where he had gone in. He continued on in this direction through Ullman's to Foxes Covert where he was killed.

This fox, which proved to be the largest the writer has seen, had given the Warrenton Hunt one of the fastest runs of several seasons. The field which was smaller after such a fast run went homeward jubilant but I feel that most were more than a little bit sad about the death of such a bold hard-running fox.

Amory S. Carhart, M. F. H., Huntsman Bywaters and Whipper-in Conroy are to be commended on the fitness and working ability of the Warrenton hounds. To date, this pack has killed 8 foxes which no doubt is the key to having a good hunting, keen, hard-driving pack. This pack is rated by most Warrenton regu-

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**Tuesday, November 27th:**

We met at Hilltop Farm, drew that section blank and found a grey fox in Star Bridge swamp which confined its running there and in Peach Lake swamp. We viewed this grey several times; scent was poor and we lifted the hounds and crossed Peach Lake Road; found a red fox in the woodland adjoining Vail's golf course which ran over open country by the Arthur Vail, Jr. house and east over Ryder's farm to Dingle Ridge Road which he followed to 8 Bells Farm and turned right by the tennis court.

This fox was a visitor as he ran to Lodge House and doubled back to road which he ran for another half mile to Dr. Ratchford's and left roadway to get by Hansen's house

lars as being the best one they have had in several seasons.—A. S.

where he again ran road for nearly a mile and headed for John Hill's where we had no desire to follow. As there was no scent on the road, we picked up and hacked back to 8 Bells and cast in Earl Ross' swamp where they jumped another red which ran over to Dongle Ridge. This one also proved a road runner as it followed the road which takes you to Ridgebury, Conn., for nearly a mile. Scenting conditions had improved and hounds carried this line very fast to Merry's wood where they turned in a bridle path which they followed very fast for over a mile, turning back to our starting point, where we were turned by a motorist on Dingle Ridge Road and then doubled back through Mr. Ross' swamp and we lost in corn field where scent just seemed to disappear. As only a few riders re-rained, we called it a day.

**Saturday, December 8th:**

A very heavy early snow which drifted over the top of the stone wall fences held us up since November 27th but a few warm days melted all the snow and took the frost from the ground, a field of 20 met at

Rock Ridge Farm. After jumping out of the field where vans were parked, we found a very large red in the upper end of Howe Farm and hounds ran fast around von Gal swamp and Charles Nichols' farm and red was viewed several times. Scent seemed very good when hounds were close to Reynard but when the fox got a lead, scent was very poor and hounds had trouble sticking to the line, very poor on cultivated or plowed land. We picked up and crossed over to John Meldrum's where this small swamp nearly always produces a fox and again a big red was viewed streaking out towards Salem Center. Hounds ran fast over this section to the concrete road near Battery Farm and after casting in all directions and failing to pick up the line, we cast back which evidently was what Reynard had done. We picked up the line again in Charles Wallace's meadow and ran over Mr. Meldrum's, Mr. Cowles' and back to near Salem Center where he went to ground in Mr. Wallace's woodland. A spotty day but thoroughly enjoyed after such a long layoff.—Corinne Hungerford.

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